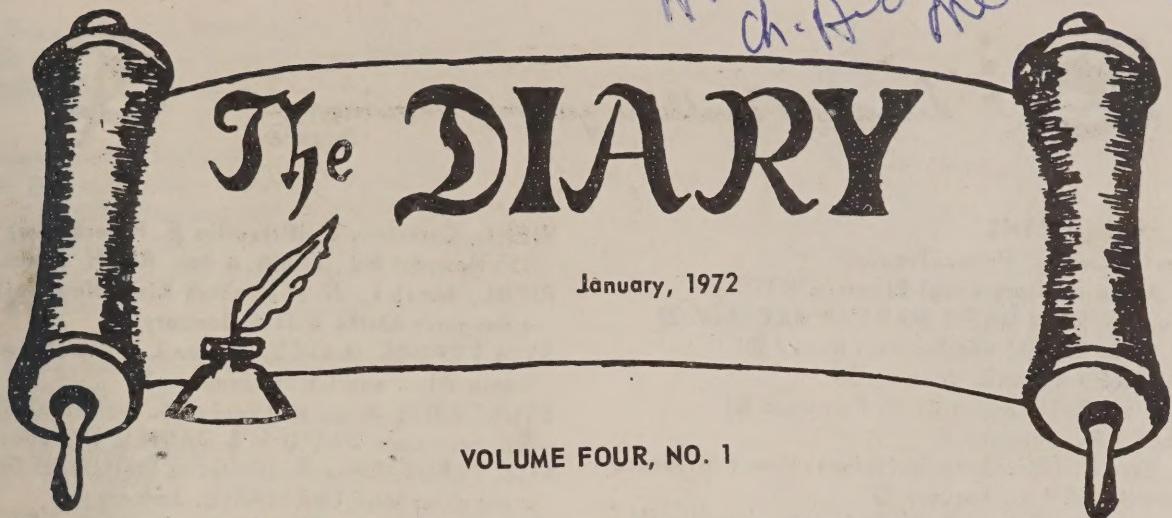


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### HOGS RESCUED FROM BURNING BUILDING

Fire swept a two-story structure on the farm of Gideon E. Fisher, Ronks R1, Pa., at Hartman Bridge and North Star Roads, near Strasburg Thursday, Jan. 20. Quick-acting neighbors helped rescue about 160 hogs from the building. The roof of the building and the interior were destroyed. Only the walls remained standing as the blaze was brought under control. Fisher and his nephew started chasing and dragging the larger hogs out of the building after a passing motorist, who saw smoke coming out of the structure, alerted the men around 11:30 a.m. Later, as firemen brought the fire under control, many of Fisher's neighbors and friends ran into the building to get the smaller pigs and carried them out, one under each arm, while the pigs squealed. All but about a half-dozen of the smaller pigs were saved. These were so badly scorched that they had to be destroyed. The fire also destroyed about 500 bales of hay and straw stored in the upper portion of the building. Fisher said he thinks the fire was started by a small propane gas heater located inside the building. Firemen were fighting the fire while a freezing drizzle fell.

### ARTHUR, ILLINOIS MISHAP

Sunday evening, January 9 about 7 p.m. a furnace blew up in the basement of a neighbor, about 6 miles northwest of Arthur. The fire truck made the run and put out the fire. On its way back it hit a buggy on the crossroad three miles north and one mile west of Arthur, at about 8 p.m. In the buggy were three girls. The girls were thrown out to one side having bruises and a few minor cuts, were taken to the Doctor's office in Arthur and then taken home. The buggy was a total wreck and was on the north side of the road. The horse had one hind leg broken and was on the south side of the road and had to be killed.

### HORSE KILLED IN COLLISION

David B. Zook, 86, of Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa. escaped injury but his horse was killed in a collision with a car at the intersection of Horseshoe and Jarvis Roads near Conestoga Valley High School at 4:45 p.m. Tuesday, January 18. The buggy operated by Zook pulled out of Jarvis Road and into the path of an oncoming car. The car crashed into the horse causing about \$800 damage to the vehicle. The horse was severely injured and had to be destroyed.

### TWO BUGGY ACCIDENTS

Jacob K. Swarey, 65, of Ronks R1, Pa. and his wife Barbara were not hurt when the back of their carriage was struck by a car while driving on Route 30 just west of Gap Sunday Morning, January 16 at 6:50.

About half an hour later Eli K. Beiler, 39 of 2061 Rockvale Road, Lancaster, Pa. was involved in a similar accident on Route 30 just east of the State Police barracks. The driver of a car apparently dozed off at the wheel of his car. When he saw his car was heading toward the rear of the buggy he cut his wheel but his car sheared off the left rear wheel of the vehicle. Beiler, who was going to church with his two daughters, Lizzie 11, and Lydia 9, all escaped injury.

### ADAMS COUNTY, IND. ACCIDENT

On January 27, about forty men were husking corn for Pre. Ben Girod, who lost his wife recently. Dea. Jake D. Schwartz was standing behind on the wagon, when the team moved throwing him on the frozen ground, dislocating his shoulder and chipping his elbow. His arm has been badly swollen and they haven't been able to do anything with it. On Feb. 7 he will have surgery to set it. He has been in the Adams County Memorial Hospital since the accident. His address is Monroe, R1, Indiana 46772.



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## BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  
 BEILER, Aaron S. (Mary King) Elverson R1  
     twin daus., MIRIAM MAE & MARTHA MAE, Jan. 27  
 BEILER, Alvin Z. (Malinda Smoker) Ronks R1  
     a son ANDREW DUANE, January 30  
 BEILER, Elam E. (Rebecca King) Kirkwood R1  
     a son EZRA K., January 30  
 BEILER, Ezra H. (Elizabeth Stoltzfus) New Providence R1, a son ABNER S., January 27  
 BEILER, Jacob S. (Salome S. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1  
     a son ELAM S., January 9  
 ESH, Amos A. (Leah King) Ronks R1  
     a son MARK, January 13  
 FISHER, Aaron M. (Rachel B. Lantz) 233 Miller St., Strasburg, a son ISAAC M., January 5  
 FISHER, David L. (Ruth Ann Stoltzfus) New Holland R2, a daughter NAOMI S., January 18  
 FISHER, Elam H. (Savilla Stoltzfus) Ronks R1  
     a son SAMUEL, January 22  
 FISHER, Isaac K. (Rebecca Beiler) Gordonville R1  
     a daughter ANNIE B., January 5  
 FISHER, Jacob J. (Barbara K. Esh) Strasburg R1  
     a son JACOB E., January 6  
 GLICK, Benjamin (Anna Mary Esh) Gap R2  
     a daughter NAOMI, January 4  
 GLICK, Jacob, deceased (Mary A. Zook)  
     New Holland R1, a daughter BENA Z., January 29  
 KAUFFMAN, Jacob (Fannie Stoltzfus) Christiana R1  
     a son LEVI, January 25  
 KING, Alvin B. (Malinda K. Stoltzfus) Narvon R2  
     a daughter EDNA S., January 6  
 KING, Amos (Mary Stoltzfus) Ronks R1  
     a daughter SARAH, January 3  
 KING, Bennie B. (Rebecca S. Zook) Paradise R1  
     a daughter LYDIA Z., January 15  
 KING, Christ K. (Susie L. Stoltzfus) Parkesburg R2  
     a daughter HANNAH RUTH, January 5  
 KING, Jonas K. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1  
     a son AMMON S., January 24  
 KING, Jonathan B. (Rachel Riehl) Gap R1  
     a daughter SARAH R., January 13  
 KING, Leroy (Naomi Esh) Gordonville R1  
     a daughter LYDIA MAE, January 24  
 LANTZ, Aquilla (Sylvia King) Strasburg R1  
     a daughter RACHEL K., January 11  
 LAPP, Christian F. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Quarryville R2  
     a son LEVI S., January 24  
 LAPP, Isaac K. (Lydia A. Kinsinger) Holtwood R1  
     a daughter MARY ANN, January 16  
 LAPP, John D. (Malinda Lapp) Ronks R1  
     a son STEVEN L., January 17  
 LAPP, Jonathan G. (Lydia Mae Stoltzfus) Narvon R2  
     a son EPHRAIM JOHN, January 20  
 PETERSHEIM, Emanuel (Annie S. Stoltzfus)  
     a daughter SADIE, January 14

RIEHL, Christian E. (Priscilla F. Petersheim)  
     355 Newport Rd., Leola, a dau. RUTH, January 4  
 RIEHL, Jacob L. Jr. (Elizabeth King) New Holland R1  
     a daughter ANNA RUTH, January 2  
 STOLTZFUS, David Z. (Emma L. Petersheim)  
     Leola R1, a son LEVI, January 16  
 STOLTZFUS, Amos M. (Rachel S. Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1, twin sons DAVID S. & DANIEL S., January 9  
 STOLTZFUS, Amos T. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Gap R1  
     a daughter MARTHA MARIE, January 16  
 STOLTZFUS, David K. (Miriam Zook) Gap R1  
     a daughter RUTH ANN, January 12  
 STOLTZFUS, Gideon F. (Barbara Fisher) Gap R1  
     a son DAVID F., January 12  
 STOLTZFUS, Jacob F. (Lavina Stoltzfus) Gap R1  
     a daughter EMMA S., January 18  
 STOLTZFUS, Melvin E. (Ruth Glick) Honey Brook R1  
     a daughter MARIANNE G., January 19  
 STOLTZFUS, Samuel E. (Elsie Beiler) Gap R1  
     a son SAMUEL E. JR., January 24  
 STOLTZFUS, Samuel K. (Rachel King) Kinzers R1  
     a son DANIEL K., January 1

Franklin County, Pa.  
 ESH, Emanuel S. (Ida Kauffman) Newburg, R1, Pa.  
     a son MICHAEL LEE, January 3

Juniata County, Pa.  
 SWAREY, David R. (Fannie Peachey)  
     a daughter FANNIE, January 6

Mifflin County, Pa.  
 PEACHEY, Jonas (Susie Swarey) Belleville  
     twin daughters NANNIE & FANNIE, January 26  
 PEIGHT, Henry (Hannah Kanagy) Belleville  
     a daughter LAVINA, January 26  
 WENGERD, Eli (Mary Zook) Belleville  
     a son DAVID E., January 1  
 WENGERD, Samuel (Hettie Peachey) Belleville  
     a daughter EMMA, January 17  
 YODER, Menno (Rachel Peachey) Belleville  
     a son DANIEL, January 21

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St. Mary's County, Maryland  
**FISHER**, Steven (Sarah Yoder) Mechanicsville R2  
 a daughter EMMA, January 4

Adams County, Indiana  
**GIROD**, Ben M. (Esther Christner) Berne R2  
 a son CLETUS, January 15  
**GRABER**, John J. (Barbara Hiltz) Geneva R2  
 twins JONAS & JOSEPHINE, January 10  
**GRABER**, Reuben R. (Edna Miller) Geneva R2  
 a son  
**SCHWARTZ**, Amos R. (Mary Ann Schwartz) Monroe R1  
 a son MENNO, January 26  
**SCHWARTZ**, Elmer L. (Ida Yoder) Monroe R1  
 a son TRUMAN, January 1  
**SCHWARTZ**, Henry H. (Barbara Gruber) Geneva R2  
 a daughter EMMA  
**SCHWARTZ**, John P. (Rachel Gruber) Geneva R2  
 a daughter, January 23

Daviess County, Indiana  
**GRABER**, Joe (Rachel Stoll)  
 a son JOEL RAY, January 25  
**WAGLER**, Enos (Rosanna Stoll)  
 a daughter FANNIE, January 22  
**WAGLER**, John (Martha Knepp)  
 a son MERVIN JAY, January 24

Arthur, Illinois  
**DIENER**, Harvey E. (Clara Yoder)  
 a son AMOS EUGENE, January 14  
**KUHNS**, Omer (Verna Kaufman)  
 a son VERNON, January 21  
**OTTO**, Melvin R. (Anna Ellan Schlabbaugh)  
 a son RUDY LEROY, January 2  
**SCHROCK**, Edward J. (Clara Chupp)  
 a daughter RUTHANN, January 9

Johnson County, Iowa  
**HERSHBERGER**, Fermin (Suvilla Mast)  
 a daughter WANETA, December 26, 1971  
 Mark Hershbergers are grandparents for the first time.  
**MILLER**, Joseph (Rhoda Kauffman)  
 a son ROMAN, December 24  
 Bishop Truman Millers are the new grandparents.

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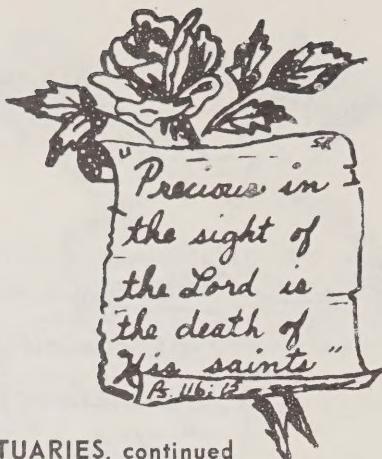
## OBITUARIES

**Beiler**, Simeon B., 78, S. Queen St. Intercourse, Pa.  
 died at his home at 5:05 p.m. Friday, January 14, following a lengthy illness. Born in Upper Leacock Twp., he was a son of the late Menno S. and Nancy Beiler. He was self-employed as a bee-supply dealer. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Lapp) Beiler; 3 sisters, Mrs. Lydia Beiler, Quarryville R3; Mary, wife of Daniel Beiler, Georgia; Mrs. Malinda Lapp, Gordonville, and a brother, Jonathan Beiler, Morgantown, Pa.

Funeral services were held at the home of Jonas S. Esh, Ronks R1, by Bishop Amos L. Beiler and Pre. Jonas King; Hymn read by John F. Lapp; Burial was at Myers Cemetery.

**Esh**, Daniel F., 71, Narvon R1, Pennsylvania  
 died in his home Sunday, January 23 at 7:45 a.m. Born in Gordonville, the son of the late Stephen and Sallie (Fisher) Esh, he was a retired farmer and the husband of the late Rachel S. (Stoltzfus) Esh. He is survived by eight children, Sadie, wife of John B. Zook, David S. Esh and John D. Esh all of Narvon R1, Jonas S. Esh and Stephen S. Esh both of Elverson R2, Rebecca, wife of David Z. Smoker, East Earl R1, Barbara, wife of Ammon P. Stoltzfus, Elverson R1; and Lena, wife of Daniel Esh, Gordonville R1. He is also survived by 41 grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and these brothers and sisters, David F. Esh, Gordonville R1; Levi F. Esh, Quarryville R3; Emanuel F. Esh, Bird-in-Hand R1; Stephen F. Esh and Emma R., wife of Benjamin T. Fisher, both of Gordonville R1; Samuel A. Esh, Paradise R1; Barbara, wife of John K. Fisher, Kinzers R1; Sallie F., wife of John F. Beiler, Paradise R1; and Mattie F., wife of Joseph S. Fisher, Ronks R1.

Funeral services were held at the home of Paul B. Stoltzfus, Elverson R2, by John O. Stoltzfus, Honey Brook, Pa., and Enos Miller from Ohio; Hymn read by Jonathan Lantz; Burial was in Mast's Cemetery.



## OBITUARIES, continued

Gingerich, Mahlon J., 89, of Johnson Co., Iowa died December 4, 1971. His wife Maggie preceded him in death in August 1967. Surviving are 2 sons and 7 daughters, Linus, Jacob, Katie (Mrs. Sam Mast), Lizzie of the home, Ollie (Mrs. Sylvan Hochstedler), Ida (Mrs. Marion Miller), Eldora (Mrs. Dave Mast), and Pauline (Mrs. Elmer Schrock) all of the Kalona area, and Cora (Mrs. Moses E. Yoder) of Leon, Iowa.

Funeral services were held by Truman Miller in the large house, and by Lester B. Miller and Noah N. Yoder of Choteau, Okla. in the small house.

King, Mrs. Mary E., 43, wife of David B. King  
Paradise R1, Pa.

died Friday, January 7 at 2:30 a.m. at her home after a lengthy illness. Born in Upper Leacock Twp., she was a daughter of Amos L. and Lydia (Esch) Lapp. Surviving are her widower, these children, Jacob, Aquilla, Lydia, Isaac, Susie, Amos, and Anna, all at home; her parents, and these brothers and sisters, Elam Lapp, Christiana R1; Melvin Lapp, Paradise R1; Rebecca, wife of Melvin Petersheim, Christiana R1; John Lapp, Quarryville R3; Amos Lapp, Miss Sylvia Lapp, Aaron Lapp, all of Gordonville R1; and Anna, wife of Isaac F. King, Oxford R1.

Funeral services were held by Israel Beiler and Amos U. Glick; Burial was in the Bart Amish Cem. Her age was 43 yrs., and 9 months.

Lapp, Levi, 75, husband of Lydia (King) Lapp  
Gordonville R1, Pennsylvania

died unexpectedly Tuesday, January 18, at 8:50 a.m. at his home after a lengthy illness. He had been under the care of a physician. Born in Leacock Twp., he was a son of the late Amos and Mattie (Smucker) Lapp. In addition to his wife, he is survived by six children, Abram, Quarryville R2; Mattie, wife of Andrew Kinsinger, Gordonville R1; Emma, wife of Menno Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1; Rachel, wife of John Byler, Mechanicsville R2, Md.; Lydia, wife of Jonas Fisher, Kirkwood R1; and Sadie, wife of Jeptha Stoltzfus, of Quarryville R3. Also surviving are 30 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, one brother, Jacob B., Gordonville, and one sister, Annie Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1.

Funeral services were held by Levi S. Fisher and Jonas S. Lapp; Burial was in Gordonville Cemetery.

Miller, Henry B., 81, of Arthur, Illinois

died January 12 at the age of 81 years and 26 days. He was a son of the late Benjamin and Magdalena (Coblentz) Miller and was born December 17, 1890. He married Hannah Graber December 12, 1912, the dau. of Samuel and Katie (Knapp) Graber. She was born February 10, 1894 at Loogootee, Ind., died January 21, 1918. To this union were born one daughter, and three sons, 23 grandchildren and 39 great-grandchildren. He married the second time March 6, 1919 to Sallie E. Otto, who was born December 12, 1894 and died Feb. 17, 1953. They had one daughter which died Feb. 7, 1953. Henry married third time to Elizabeth M. Otto July 7, 1921. Funeral services were held by Pete Eicher from Daviess Co., Ind. and Jake Troyer from Holmes Co., Ohio.

Peachey, Ella B., 79, widow of Pre. Ezra F. Peachey  
Belleville, Pennsylvania

died January 17 at the age of 79 yrs., 8 mo., 2 da. She had been bothered with a sore of the lower limb for some time which got worse over the week-end. Her husband and four small children preceded her in death. The following 13 children survive: Enos D. (watchmaker), Belleville; Mrs. David (Barbara) Yoder, Allensville; John O. Peachey, McVeytown; Miss Elizabeth, who was at home and helped care for her mother; Jacob H. Peachey, Lancaster Co., Pa.; Mrs. Crist (Leah) Renno, Belleville; Pre. Crist B. Peachey, Belleville; Ezra F. Peachey Jr., Belleville; Mrs. Eli (Hettie) Renno, McVeytown; Mrs. Enos (Ella) Swarey, Mifflintown; Miss Susie Peachey, Allensville; Mrs. Jesse (Sarah) Kanagy, McVeytown; Mrs. Jonas (Amelia) Bender, Union Co., Pa.; also one brother, Deacon Joseph E. Peachey, two half-brothers, David J. and Abraham Z. Peachey, 92 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home farm house where her grandson, Ben E. Peachey lives, by a cousin, Daniel M. Peachey, and a nephew, Levi Swarey of Mechanicsville, Maryland.

Raber, John L., 79, Millersburg Star Route, Ohio

died Tuesday, January 25 at his home following a short illness. He was born March 23, 1892, in Holmes County to Levi J. and Katie (Miller) Raber. He was married to Lizzie Nisley. Surviving are his wife, 3 sons, Levi J. of Millersburg R5, Jonas J. of the home and Roy J. of Millroy, Ind.; 3 daughters, Mrs. Jonas (Orie) Keim of Fredericksburg R2, Mrs. Andrew E. (Mattie) Raber and Mrs. Levi J. (Mary) Miller, both of Fredericksburg; 22 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Levi N. Raber and Mrs. John D. Frey. He was a deacon in the church.

Funeral services were held at the residence; Burial was in Locust Hill Cemetery, Salt Creek Twp.

Stoltzfus, Malinda K., 64, wife of Elam F. Stoltzfus  
215 Horseshoe Road, Leola, Pennsylvania

died at 1 a.m. Sunday, January 16, at home after a lengthy illness. Her age was 64 yr., and 11 mo. She was born in Leacock Twp., a daughter of the late

**Aaron M. and Mary (Kauffman) Fisher.** In addition to her husband, she is survived by three daughters, Rachel, wife of Amos C. Fisher, Strasburg R1; Mary, wife of Christ Dienner, Gap R1; and Miss Naomi, at home; five sons, Aaron F. and Daniel F., both of Leola; Omar F., Lancaster; and Melvin L. and Samuel F., both of Millheim R2, Pa.; 40 grandchildren; a sister, Naomi, wife of Samuel R. Beiler, Gordonville R1; three brothers, Amos Fisher, Millersburg, Ind.; and John and Aaron Fisher, both of Strasburg R1; and a foster brother, Elmer D. Stoltzfus, Leola R1.

Funeral services were held by Pre. Sam Zook and Bishop John F. Glick; Hymn read by Pre. Stephen K. Fisher. At the graveyard hymn was read by Deacon Jacob A. King, abschied by Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus. Burial was at Myers Cemetery. Pallbearers were 4 grandsons, Elam Stoltzfus, Elam Fisher, Daniel Ray Stoltzfus, and Stevie Fisher.

#### **Yoder, Henry J., 55, Apple Creek RD, Ohio**

died, apparently from self-inflicted causes by hanging. Asphyxiation was ruled as cause of death. A former Lakeville resident, he has lived in this area one year and was a farmer. Surviving are his wife, Edna; parents, Mr. and Mrs. John E. Yoder of Fredericksburg R2; two sons, John and Leroy of the home; three daughters, Mrs. Irvin Yoder of Big Prairie R1, and Lydia Ann and Mary Ann of the home; three brothers, Alvin of Millersburg Star Route, John of Walnut Creek and Eli of Wooster R1; five sisters, Mrs. Albert Gingerich, Mrs. Andy Miller, and Mrs. Alfred Miller, all of Fredericksburg R2, Mrs. Clara Troyer of Lakeville R1, and Mrs. Noah Yoder of Big Prairie R1; and two grandsons.

Funeral services were held at the Levi Troyer home; Burial was in Simon Yoder Cemetery.

#### **BIRTHS**

Dover, Delaware (year of 1971)  
**BEACHY, Joe H. (Verna Yoder)** Dover R2  
 a daughter AMANDA, June 13  
**BEACHY, Simon H. (Ada Mast)** Dover R2  
 a daughter CORA, December 22  
**BEACHY, Wm. D. (Lydia Mast)** Hartley R1  
 a daughter ELMINA, July 5  
**BONTRAGER, David E. (Lena Miller)** Hartley  
 a daughter ELSIE, June 15  
**BYLER, Henry D. (Mary Ann Byler)** Dover R2  
 a daughter MARY ANN, November 4  
**BYLER, Jacob C. (Verna Troyer)** Dover R2  
 twin sons MELVIN & IVAN, August 25  
**BYLER, Milo E. (Lydia Mast)** Dover R2  
 a daughter WILMA, January 17  
**BYLER, Rudy S. (Lydia Byler)** Kenton  
 a daughter MARTHA, May 20  
**COBLENTZ, Freeman J. (Anna Mary Byler)** Hartley R1, a daughter NEOMA, July 8  
**DETWEILER, Henry Jr. (Barbara Ann Byler)** Dover R5  
 a son RAYMOND, May 14  
**DETWEILER, Raymond T. (Elsie Beachy, Byler)**  
 Dover R2, a son EDWIN, July 6

**GINGERICH, Joe F. (Clara Byler)** Dover R2  
 a son JESSE, September 16  
**MAST, Amos S. (Anna Mary Bontrager)** Dover R2  
 a daughter CATHRINE, April 23  
**MAST, David D. (Alta Byler)** Dover R2  
 a son WM. DANIEL, July 28  
**MAST, Eli A. (Effie Beachy)** Dover R2  
 a son HERMAN, April 25  
**MAST, Jacob N. (Amanda Miller)** Wyoming R1  
 a son AMOS, August 17  
**MAST, John H. (Iva Wittmer)** Dover R5  
 a daughter RACHEL, December 13  
**MAST, Leroy J. (Irene Byler)** Hartley R1  
 a daughter LYDIA ANN, March 9  
**MAST, Levi E. (Emma Beachy)** Wyoming R1  
 a son ELI, September 7  
**MAST, Samuel D. (Lena Miller)** Dover R2  
 a son ROBERT, November 16  
**MILLER, Abner J. (Lena Yoder)** Hartley R1  
 a son ALBERT, May 2  
**MILLER, Allen A. (Mattie Byler)** Hartley R1  
 a son FREEMAN, December 15  
**MILLER, Benj. D. A. (Fanny Miller)** Dover R2  
 a son RAYMOND, March 31  
**MILLER, Eli H. (Mattie Yoder)** Dover R2  
 a son ERVIN, September 19  
**MILLER, Eli J. (Alta Mast)** Dover R2  
 a son JOHN, July 2  
**MILLER, Elmer H. (Katie Mast)** Dover R2  
 a son SAMUEL, June 20  
**MILLER, Jacob N. (Mary Ann Coblenz)** Hartley R1  
 a daughter MARY ANN, November 24  
**MILLER, Mahlon E. (Anna Mast)** Wyoming R1  
 a son JOSEPH, November 21  
**MILLER, Neal R. (Katie Byler)** Dover R2  
 a daughter IVY, November 28  
**MILLER, Sam D. (Anna Byler)** Wyoming R1  
 a daughter MARY, February 21  
**MILLER, Samuel J. (Barbara Troyer)** Wyoming R1  
 a daughter ESTHER MAE, June 4  
**MILLER, Wm. H. (Martha Ann Troyer)** Dover R2  
 a son WM. ALLEN, July 8  
**STUTZMAN, Emery J. (Clara Mast)** Dover R2  
 a son AARON, October 30  
**SWARTZENTRUBER, Henry E. (Gertie Mast)** Hartley R1, a daughter SYLVIA, August 22  
**SWARTZENTRUBER, Lewis S. (Anna Swartzentruber)** Dover R2, a daughter MIRIAM, March 11  
**TROYER, John S. (Miriam Coblenz)** Hartley R1  
 a son JOHN, June 28  
**TROYER, Melvin A. (Sadie Mast)** Dover R2  
 a daughter EFFIE, December 31  
**TROYER, Samuel S. (Lizzie Mast)** Wyoming R1  
 a daughter KATIE, March 16  
**YODER, Ammon J. (Lizzie Yoder)** Hartley R1  
 a son MOSE, January 18  
**YODER, Henry E. (Mary Mast)** Dover R2  
 a son RUFUS, July 30  
**YODER, Mose D. (Anna Mae Miller)** Wyoming R1  
 a son LEVI, October 9  
**YODER, Noah J. (Elizabeth Byler)** Dover R2  
 a daughter LENA, July 27

## 1972 January

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### CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

From Lancaster, Pa. INTELLIGENCER JOURNAL  
January 31, 1972, submitted by Sara E. Fisher

One and one half inches snow on the 27th. The temperature was above normal, 56 degrees on the 13th, 2 above zero on the 16th, cold wave lasted only two days. Precipitation of 3.28 inches was slightly above normal.

Lancaster County, Pa. by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Rainfall for the Bareville area for January was 2.3 inches and also 4 inches of snow.

Market Report: Choice Fat Cattle topped \$39.00 Cwt.; Stockers and Feeders sold from 27.00 to 36.00 Cwt.; Prime Veal Calves, 60.00 Cwt.; Fat Hogs, from 27.00 to 30.25 Cwt.; Forty pound Shoats are bringing 20.00. At New Holland a load of fresh cows out of Canada and New York State sold from 410.00 to 690. Large Eggs, 35½¢ doz.; Potatoes, 2.25 to 2.50 Cwt.; Hay, 31.00 to 60.00 ton; Straw, 34.00 to 38.00 ton; Ear Corn, 30.00 to 38.00 ton, 1.40 bu.; Wheat, 1.50 bu.; Barley, 1.10 bu.; Oats, .95 bu.

Juniata County, Pa. by David Y. Renno

January was mostly warm and muddy, with no snow, then a sudden cold spell by the middle of the month. The coldest was 3 below zero, a total of 2½ inches of rain or sleet, but no ice or snow all month.

Snyder County, Pa. by Sam M. Troyer

January was milder than usual. Only one or two mornings was it below zero and it was so warm that the fruit growers were worried that it might start the buds pushing. We had about normal rainfall, I didn't get it all measured. I reckon I'm not too good at keeping weather records. But if something out of the ordinary happens I notice it, anyway I saw the eclipse of the moon on the 30th.

Mifflin County, Pa. by Catherine Swarey

January was cloudy, foggy, and unusually warm, except over the weekend of Jan. 16 it got suddenly cold and was 10 below on Sunday morning. It was sunny but not higher than 6 above all day. We had approximately one inch of rain but no snow till the last Friday in Jan. when we had 4 to 5 inches of snow. It was cold again but not below ten degrees, was slightly windy and the snow drifted a little.

The annual J. H. Glick Horse Sale was held at Belleville Livestock Market, highest team sold for \$700.00.

Somerset County, Pa. by Mary A. Kinsinger

January has been unusually mild with some cold weather. Warmest was in the high 60s on Jan. 13 and the coldest was 12 to 18 below zero on the 16th. The last week was ideal winter weather with a cover of several inches of snow and from 4 above zero at night to high 20s and 30s in the daytime. There is lots of colds and flu throughout the community at this time.

St. Mary's County, Maryland by Amos R. Stoltzfus

Still no snow that covered the ground, a very unusual winter. Mild weather beginning of year turning to about a week of wet, rainy, chilly weather. Temp. staid over 20 degrees with the exception of 2 days, the 16th it was zero with a stiff wind and not over 15 all day. The next morning it was 5 above but soon warmed up to 28 or more. Two days later it was up to 60 again. The next four days we had rain but total for the month I couldn't say as I keep my rain glass inside during cold weather so it doesn't freeze and burst. We had approximately 3 to 3½ inches of rain. There is lots of flu and stomach sickness around.

Wayne County, Ohio by Ray J. Yoder

Temperature was very changeable in Jan., highs in the upper 60s and as low as minus 15 degrees on Jan. 16. Lots of beautiful weather though, very little snow till the end of the month. Had about 4 inches of snow and zero the morning of Jan. 31

Adams County, Ind. by Mary Ann Hiltz

January 1972 was a month of extreme, colder than normal weather, with the temperature dropping down to 20 below zero on the 16th and there were four other days on which the temperature dropped below zero. One would think this would really be a cold month, but there were warm days, too, with the high of 58 on the 24th and many other days with the high in the 40s. One of the most unusual phenomenon was the fifty degree drop in temperature in a 12 hour period. A high of 58 was recorded on the evening of the 24th only to have a chilly 8 degrees just 12 hours later. High for the month was 58 pn the 24th, low was 20 below on the 16th; rainfall, 1.58"; snowfall, 9.8"; 8 clear days; 12 partly cloudy days; 11 cloudy days; 4 rainy days; and no thunderstorms.

Arthur, Illinois by Menno A. Diener

January 1 started out with wind in the southwest all day, drizzling a little in the eve. The morning of the 4th it got colder and there was kind of a blizzard all day but not many drifts. By the 5th it was 2 below then warmer again for a few days. Jan 15th it was 12 below and only warmed up to 6 degrees all day. Jan. 24 temp. at 2 p.m. was 62, Jan. 25 temp. at sunup, 7 a.m. was 5 above, sun came up nice and clear the first time for 5 days. Jan. ended with about 3 inches of snow. Feb. 2, Ground Hog Day, no shadow.

### Daviess County, Indiana by Lester Marner

We had winter weather during January, the coldest was 9 below on the 16th. The 27th was the beginning of ice which lasted until the 31st. Schools were closed, no milkmen and only some nail carriers could go. Hogs are \$27.00 to 30.00.

### Dover, Delaware, year of 1971 by Neil N. Hershberger

Winter of 70-71 was cold and windy without much snow, which was very hard on grain crops. Spring in general was very cool and rather wet. It was hard to get a good stand of early planted corn, many acres were replanted. Summer was about normal in temperature, rather dry in June and early July. Winter oat crop was very light, barley and wheat yield was fair. Hay crop grew heavy but had very poor drying weather. Autumn was extremely wet, from late July through to January, '72. Near record rainfall for Delaware all fall and winter so far. Corn crop was very light, southern leaf blight damage was heavy. Corn in shock did not dry due to extreme amount of rain, resulting in moldy corn and fodder. Still many acres of corn and soybeans are not harvested of the farmers who depend on large machinery.

### DEATHS of 1971

#### Dover, Delaware

Bontrager, Ezra J., husband of Sovilla (dec.)  
died Dec. 9, age 79 yr., 1 mo., 18 da.  
Yoder, Anna, widow of Jake S. Yoder  
died Jan 22 age 81 yr., 4 mo., 28 da.

### BAPTISMS

#### Dover, Delaware - 1971

##### East District

Daniel, son of Alfred and Effie Troyer  
Harvey, son of Freeman and Anna Mary Coblenz  
Edna, dau. of Eli H. and Katie Mast  
Vera, dau. of Bishop John and Lovina Yoder

##### Middle District

John, son of Matilda and the late Dan J. Beachy  
Raymond, son of Dea. Hahlon E. and Lydia Miller  
Jonas, son of Andy M. and Barbara Ann Yoder  
Neoma, dau. of Bishop Dan A. and Malinda Yoder  
Ruth, dau. of Andy W. and Lizzie Byler  
Betty, dau. of Jake N. and Mary Ann C. Miller

##### North District

Lester & Esther, twins of Jonas J. & Lydia Hershberger  
Sylvia, dau. of Adam H. and Saloma Byler  
Elmina, dau. of Henry Y. and Miriam Mast

### ORDINATION

#### Dover, Delaware

Pre. Dan A. Yoder was ordained Bishop Oct. 31, 1970  
(my apology for not entering this in 1970 N.N.H.)

### ORDINATION

#### Johnson County, Iowa

Herman E. Miller, 36, son of the late Ezra and Edna Miller was ordained a minister in the Levi Schrock (Middle) District on December 2. His wife is Lydianne, daughter of Ed. and Anna (Ropp) Yoder.

Dein wort ist...  
ein licht auf  
meinem wege  
Ps 109:105



### Burials in Myers Cemetery in 1971

Submitted by David K. Stoltzfus

Row	Lot		Born	Died
3	12	Sylvia . . . . .		1971
5	11	Infant Ephraim Miller		1971
7	2	Lavina I. W. . . . .	1893	1971
4	1	Mattie S. I. W. . . . .	1893	1971
13	23	David Z. . . . .	1896	1971
14	33	Jacob . . . . .	1912	1971
15	23	Fannie L. I. W. . . . .	1886	1971
18	17	Mary 2 W. . . . .	1880	1971

We still have some books and maps for sale, both for \$3.90 at Gordenville Book Store, or from:

David K. Stoltzfus  
R.D. #1, Box 31  
Ronks, Pa. 17572

### MARYLAND HOUSE FIRE

Saturday evening, January 15 the home of Benjamin and Hannah (Swarey) Beiler burned down. The fire started at the chimney. It was after dark and the mercury was dropping fast and the wind was blowing very strong. Firemen were decked with ice, and fire trucks and hoses froze when not in use.

### VISITING MINISTERS

Bishop Jake and Min. Cris Troyer from Holmes Co., Ohio were here to attend the funeral of their uncle, Henry Miller Jan. 15 and attended church at Dea. John Ottos January 16.

Min Joe Bontrager from Northern Indiana attended church at Dea. Menno D. Herschbergers Jan. 23.

Min. Monroe Chupp from Nappanee, Indiana attended church at Min. Amos Ottos January 30.

### CORRECTION - VOLUME THREE, NO 10, p.187 Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Amos G. Lantz, 30, Lebanon R1, Pa. was ordained deacon in the West Lebanon District, October 15. With him in the lot were Jonathan Lantz, Jonas Lapp, Elam Lapp, John Smoker, Levi King, Moses Lapp and Israel S. Esh.



## MARRIAGES

### Adams County, Indiana

Hilty, Schwartz - Sam, son of Mr. Joe E. Hilty, Monroe R1, and Ruth R., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben E. Schwartz of Ashley, Indiana.

### Daviess County, Indiana

Knepp, Raber - Paul, son of Abraham and Viola Knepp, and Clara, daughter of Pre. Alva and Lydia Raber, by Bishop Ben E. Wagler, January 27

### Arthur, Illinois

Plank, Yoder - Wilmer, son of Ezra and Elma (Beachy) Plank, and Lovina, daughter of Cris and Susie (Plank) Yoder, January 6

### Dover, Delaware - 1971

April 1

Miller, Atlee, son of Andy J.D. and Lydia Miller and King, Barbara dau. of Mattie and the late John M.

April 8

Miller, John, son of Wm. E. & Laura Mae Miller and Mast, Emma, dau of Eli H. and Katie Mast

April 15

Mast, Joni, son of Jonas S. and Elma Mast and Byler, Lizzie, dau. of Crist J. and Lydia Byler

April 22

Byler, Eli, son of Crist J. and Lydia Byler, and Coblenz, Ida, dau of Freeman J. & Anna Mary

April 29

Miller, Ervin, son of Pre. Henry E. and Effie Miller, & Mast, Emma, dau of Pre. Alvin D. & Salina Mast

October 14

Miller, Alvin, son of Jake N. & Mary Ann Miller and Byler, Barbara Sue, dau of Andy W. & Lizzie Byler

October 21

Troyer, Allen, son of Alfred D. & Effie Troyer, and Miller, Esther, dau. of John E. & Rhoda Miller

October 28

Yoder, Dan, son of Levi E. and Anna Yoder, and Troyer, Mary Kathryn, dau of Alfred D. & Effie Troyer  
November 4

Swartzentruber, Daniel, son of Pre. Simon N. & Mary Miller, Lydia, dau. of Andy A. and Katie Miller

November 11

Yost, Enos, son of Andy A. & Katie Miller, and Yoder, Neoma, dau. of Bish. Dan A. & Malinda Yoder  
November 18

Troyer, Roman, son of Alfred D. & Effie Troyer, and Miller, Matilda, dau. of Pre. Henry E. & Effie Miller



### MIGRATIONS OF 1971

Joe A. Bontragers moved from Curtiss, Wisc. to Tomah, Wisc. on May 22.

John Bontragers moved from Belleville, Wisc. to Mt. Elgin, Ontario. in November.

Jonas L. Bontragers moved from Clark, Mo. to Kenton, Ohio in February.

Ora Bontragers moved from LaGrange Co., Ind. to Keosauqua, Iowa in February.

Ben Bontregers moved from Reading, Mich to Indiana in June.

Truman Bontregers moved from Colon, Mich. to Guthrie, Kentucky in June.

Jacob Brandenbergers moved from New Haven, Ind. to Camden, Michigan in April.

Dan C. Bylers moved from Wroxeter, Ontario to Geauga Co., Ohio in December.

Dave D. Bylers moved from Middlefield, Ohio to Spartansburg, Pa. in May.

Ben M. Detweilers moved from Conewango Valley, N. Y. to Punxsutawney, Pa. in May.

Jake W. Detweilers moved from Geauga Co., Ohio to Cashton, Wisc. in January.

Ray C. Detweilers moved to Guthrie, Kentucky in October.

Aaron K. Eshs moved from Bart, Pa. to Newburg, Pa. on January 28.

Emanuel S. Eshs moved from Paradise R1, Pa. to Newburg, Pa. on March 26.

Diedrich Fehrs moved from Aylmer, Ontario to Conneautville, Pa. in May.

Isaac Fehrs moved from Aylmer, Ontario, Canada to Conneautville, Pa. in August.

Elmer S. Fishers moved from Spring City, Pa. to Orrstown, Pa. on May 7.

Enos Fishers moved from Geauga Co., Ohio to Punxsutawney, Pa. in October.

Jacob Jr. Flauds moved from Bird-in-Hand, Pa. to Newburg, Pa. on May 17.

Warren L. Fussners moved from Ashland, Ohio to LaRue, Ohio on November 7.

Delbert Gingerichs moved from Nappanee, Ind. to Clark, Missouri in February.

Herman U. Gingerichs moved from Tennessee to Newcomerstown, Ohio in February.

Melvin Gingerichs moved from Burton, Ohio to Mio, Michigan on January 1.

Joni Hershbergers moved from Belleville, Wisc. to Bronson, Michigan .

Levi Hershbergers moved from Holmes Co., Ohio to Ridgeway, Ohio in May.

Melvin Hershbergers moved from Goshen, Ind. to Utica R1, Ohio in April.

Mervin Hershbergers moved from Buchanan Co., Iowa to Milton, Iowa on November 29.

Reuben Hershbergers moved from New Glarus, Wisc. to Bronson, Michigan on November 3.

Toby Hershbergers moved from Kalona, Iowa to Pulaski, Iowa in February.

Wallace Hershbergers moved from Belleville, Wisc. to Bronson, Michigan in April.

Jake D. Hochstetlers moved to Wilton, Wisconsin on October 8.

Eli N. Hostetlers moved from Orange Co., Ind. to Washington Co., Ohio in March.

Melvin Kauffmans moved from Middlefield, Ohio to Guthrie, Kentucky in April.

Roman S. Kauffmans moved from Mifflintown, Pa. to Orrstown R1, Pa. on June 17.

Daniel Kings moved from Quarryville R3, Pa. to Newburg R1, Pa. on March 3.

Enos S. Kings moved from Leola R1, Penna. to Millheim, Pa. on February 15.

Jonas Kings moved from Paradise R1, Pa. to Newburg R1, Pa. on March 11.

Wilmer Knepps moved from Daviess Co., Ind. to Milroy, Indiana in April.

Chris T. Kuhns moved from Parkman, Ohio to Smicksburg, Pa. in April.

John B. Lapps moved from Myerstown, Penna. to Rebersburg, Pa. on June 7.

Noah Lees moved from Anabel, Mo. to Bowling Green, Missouri on March 17.

Sam S. Lehmans moved from Curtiss R1, Wisc. to Hazleton R1, Iowa in September.

Leroy Marners moved from Aylmer, Ont., Canada to Springboro, Pa. on May 25.

Henry J. Masts moved from Delaware to Bradford Co., Pennsylvania in January.

Menno J. Masts moved from Bowling Green, Mo. to Milton, Iowa on December 12.

Aden M. Millers moved from Holmes Co., Ohio to Conneautville, Pa. in March.

Allen Millers moved from Geauga Co., Ohio to Smicksburg, Pa. in March.

Daniel Jr. Millers moved from Nappanee, Ind. to Guaimaca, Honduras in November.

David J. Millers moved from Uniontown, Ohio to Martinsburg, Ohio in May.

Eli D. Millers moved from Kinsman, Ohio to Ind. Co. in September.

Henry Millers moved from Orange Co., Indiana to Washington Co., Ohio in March.

Jake Millers moved from Middlefield, Ohio to Smicksburg, Pa. in May.

Joe L. Millers moved from LaGrange Co., Ind. to Utica, Ohio in November.

Joni Millers moved from Cashton, Wisconsin to Medford, Wisconsin in February.

Lester Millers moved from Amherst, Wisconsin to Paraguay, South America.

Lester M. Millers moved from Hartville, Ohio to Martinsburg, Ohio in June.

Noah A. Millers moved from Ohio to Cashton, Wisconsin in February.

Noah D. Millers moved from Geauga Co., Ohio to Smicksburg, Pa. in March.

Sam Millers moved from Geauga County, Ohio to Cashton, Wisconsin in February.

Sam H. Millers moved from Kalona, Iowa to Milton, Iowa in March.

Sam L. Millers moved from Geauga Co., Ohio to Cashton, Wisconsin on February 8.

William Millers moved from Buchanan Co., Iowa to Milton, Iowa on November 29.

William J. Millers moved from Curtiss, Wisconsin to Blair, Wisconsin on March 28.

Calvin Nissleys moved from Aylmer, Ontario to Maryland on December 17.

David Peacheys moved from Selinsgrove, Pa. to Guaimaca, Honduras on June 8.

Moses Riehls moved from Narvon R2, Penna. to Madisonburg, Pa. on March 3.

Mose J. Schlabachs moved from Apple Creek, O. to Conneautville, Pa. on January 28.

Emmon Schmuckers moved from Fortuna, Mo. to Amherst, Wisconsin.

Chris P. Schwartzs moved from Seymour, Mo. to Geneva, Indiana.

Joe S. Swartzs moved from Bowling Green R3, Mo. Hamilton R3, Indiana on March 3.

Petie Schwartzs moved from Seymour, Missouri to Geneva, Indiana in May.

Jonas M. Stoltzfus's moved from Gordonville R1, Pa. to Millheim, Pa. on March 9.

Menno Stoltzfus's moved from Leola, Penna. to Madisonburg, Pa. on April 3.

Levi L. Stutzmans moved from Mossley, Ont. to Bronson, Michigan in March.

John Swareys moved from Tavistock, Ontario to Path Valley, Pa. in March.

Andy Wengerds moved from Holmes County, Ohio to Conneautville, Pa. in March.

Ammon D. Yoders moved from Delaware to Bradford County, Pa. in January.

Amos E. Yoders moved from Wroxeter, Ontario to Guthrie, Kentucky in September.

Joe K. Yoders moved from Geauga Co., Ohio to Mio, Michigan on November 29.

Joe S. Yoders moved from Tenn. to Newcomers-town, Ohio in February.

Joni Yoders moved from Chesley, Ontario, Canada to Holmesville, Ohio in December.

Lester D. Yoders moved to Punxsutawney, Pa. in April.

Monroe Yoders moved from Fortuna, Missouri to Amherst R2, Wisconsin on November 22.

Vernon Yoders moved from Wilton, Wisconsin to Cashton, Wisconsin in April.

Aden L. Yutzys moved from Holmes Co., Ohio to Milroy, Indiana on May 27.

Norman Yutzys moved from Clark, Mo. to Bloomfield, Iowa in January.

Gabt mir Arbeit  
 Mit Gabt beginn' du Tag!  
 Mit Gabt ist wieder ruh'  
 Und bei jedem Stundenpflog  
 Einem Blick auf oben kannst!

Dann wird alles nach dir fließ  
 Liest und pfundet von Statten vnsar;  
 Dann wird man in mein wüsst,  
 Einmalfrind dich immerdar.

Ja, Gabt und Arbeit sind  
 Flügel, die dich sicher tragen  
 Dafür, was das Gottlob Kind  
 Lebt am längst für Müßig und Pfleg.

### AMISH CHURCH AID MEETING

On January 16, 1972 the Amish Church Aid meeting was held at Levi A. Kings, Gap R2, Pa. Christ Speicher called the meeting to order by asking for a short silent prayer. In the year of 1971 there were 90 families helped with their hospital bills. We had an increase of 97 members and three church districts. After various discussions the meeting adjourned. Next meeting to be held at the Leroy Esh home, at Gordonville R1, Pa. Eli P. Miller, Sec.

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into one place or another, into the Hartman Family which were treated in the same way and manner during the same war, perhaps a month later. Only sixty miles away down deep in the vaults in Philadelphia lay documentary accounts of a wholesome story of a wholesome story of the captivity itself entitled, "Die erzählungen von maria le roy und Barbara Leininger welche vierhalb yahr unter den Indianern gewesen und in dieser stadt glicklich ankommen." published in Philadelphia in 1759. Due attention was given to this pamphlet in 1902 when it was translated into the English language.

We will not attempt to write a new story of Regina, only to present to our readers the old ones as they were written in their day of history. We think the story as a whole should be read again told and retold in every family to revive a spirit that can truly live in a family, to reinforce the tie that binds, let come what may. This Leininger family was shaken and shattered, but there was no power on earth that could keep them from uniting again.

Joseph F. Beiler

This story of Regina was first introduced (or the first in our time) to our people in the 26th edition of the NEUE AMERICANISCHE CALENDER by Johann Raber in 1955, page 4. It was perhaps borrowed from the John Baer's son Almanac printed in Lancaster, Pa. An 1884 edition gives a very good account of the incident in German, page A6. In 1955 it was new or new again to our society so that it held the subject of family talks or neighborhood visits and even caught the attention of many ministers, sometimes occupying a proper place in sermons. The hymn, "Allein und Doch Nicht Ganz Allein," is in the Lancaster hymnbook, "Unpartheyisches Gesamgbuch." From the German account in the John Baer's Almanac we quote that the mother also sang the hymn, "Jesum Lieb ich Inniglich," to Regina at Carlisle. It can be supposed that the Leiningers sang and memorized many more German hymns. Perhaps these too she loved much and cherished last because they are most fitting to her state of widowhood.

Sources of information: Ira D. Landis and Miss Carolyn Charles of the Mennonite Information Center, Lancaster, Pa.; The Berks Co. Historical Society, Reading, Pa.; Fackenthal Library, Lancaster Pa.; Allen G. Keyser, Schwenksville, Pa.; Mrs. Arthur D. Graeff, Robsonia, Pa.; David I. Glick, Smoketown, Pa.

### Editor's Note:

While later day research does not approve this story to be about the true Regina, the Indian Captive, it is so near like the incident of the Leininger family, and we can better understand the Hartman Legend. It must also be remembered that the Leininger family was not the only one who experienced Indian riots. We have selected this book because we think it is of the best in its class and it will give the reader a broad view of early German immigrant life especially in Berks County. J. B.

A copy of this book was made available by Dr. Herbert Anstaet and Wm. Pease

Fackenthal Library, Lancaster, Pa.

REGINA, THE GERMAN CAPTIVE;  
or,

TRUE PIETY AMONG THE LOWLY.

By REV. R. WEISER.

Philadelphia:

General Council Publication Board. 1919

### Chapter I – Introduction

In a beautiful and romantic country in the kingdom of Wurtemburg, on a small stream called the Echettz, which empties its sparkling waters into the Neckar, lies the old and famous city of Reutlingen. This city was famous already during the wars of Julius Caesar, but became more so during the storms and convulsions of the Reformation. It was one of the fourteen imperial cities which stood by the Augsburg Confessions, and solemnly protested against the iniquitous decrees of the second Diet of Spires. Hence arose the name Protestants,--an honorable appellation, which is now given to all those Christians who renounce the errors and superstitions of the Roman Communion. This city justly prides itself, not only in having successfully resisted Julius Caesar and all the mighty legions of ancient Rome, but also in having withstood all those savage hordes of northern barbarians who from time to time overran nearly all Europe. And even at this day may be seen an ancient battering ram in the old town-hall of Reutlingen, which is said to have been captured in the Roman wars nearly nineteen centuries ago! Reutlingen is romantically located in a deep valley among the spurs of the mighty Alps--the Black Forest on the east, and other high ridges to the west. Near this beautiful city, in an ancient farm-house, in 1710, John Hartman was born, on the 20th of June. He was the younger of two sons; his parents were pious, and quite intelligent for people in their circumstances. He was sent to school when five years old, and before he was ten he had committed to memory nearly the whole Lutheran Catechism. There was nothing remarkable in his history. He was confirmed at the proper time, and ever after led a life of piety. He worked on the little farm of his father. Time passed on; the father died in 1727. In 1736, John Hartman became acquainted with a young lady whose mother lived in Reutlingen; her name was Magdalena Swartz,

and after a year's courtship he married her. They lived happily together for a number of years until they had a family of children. The little farm that had supported John Hartman's father was found too small to support two families with comfort.

John Hartman was industrious and frugal: he rose early and labored hard, but could with great difficulty pay his heavy taxes and feed and clothe his increasing family. He was often discouraged, and would sit down in the house, when he was done with his work, and meditate upon his hard lot in sadness and sorrow. Still, as a Christian, he tried to bear up under his fate. It was his duty, he knew, to be contented with such things as he had, and he dare not murmur against the wise dispensation of Providence. But how could he help it, when he saw others, who were no better than himself, and with less effort, in much better circumstances?

He had often heard of America; he had a maternal uncle who had gone to America, and had settled in Pennsylvania; he recollects that his father had often received letters from this uncle--he would hunt them up and read them again. He could only find one, the rest were mislaid or destroyed, but that one letter was sufficient to fire his heart with a desire for the new world. We here furnish a literal translation of this interesting letter. Here it is:--

"Heidleberg Township, Berks Co., Pennsylvania,  
June 17th, 1726, North America.

"To George Hartman, near Reutlingen, Kingdom of  
Wurtemburg, Germany.

"Dear Brother-in-law:--This is to inform you that we are all well, and well pleased with America. We live in a good land, where every thing is plenty, and we have schools and churches. The land is good and very cheap; you can get as much as you want by clearing it. Oh, I have often wished you were here with your family. You could do well, and live just like a lord. Sell your little piece of land, and if you only get enough to bring you to Philadelphia, I will bring you from there up to our place, which is about eighty miles. Here you can raise wheat, and rye, and barley, and potatoes. We have apples, and peaches, and plums, and other fruit. We raise hogs, and cattle, and sheep, and chickens, and have plenty of meat the year round. We live under the King of England, but we are not burdened with taxes as you are. Our land is very fertile, and easily cultivated. I hope you will come to this 'promised land.' Philadelphia is the principal town in the province of Pennsylvania, and Reading is the principal town in our Berks county. We live about four German miles from Reading. If you write, direct your letter to me at Heidleberg Township, Berks county, Pennsylvania, North America.

"Yours in brotherly love,  
"FREDERICK SCHOENER."

This letter made a deep impression on his mind. He had heard of America before, but never as a father. This was the country for him. His mind was made up at once: he would leave the land of his birth, and seek a home in the new world. No sooner had he

made the firm resolve than he felt a heavy load removed from his heart. John Hartman was not a man of indecision; he was firm and resolute; he had an iron will, and when he made up his mind to do any thing, he would do it. One Saturday afternoon he knew the schoolmaster would be at leisure; he went to him to ask him about America; he knew nothing about it, nor where it lay, nor how to get there. The schoolmaster answered all his questions, and showed him a map of North America, and pointed out the province of Pennsylvania, and informed him how he would get there. He told him he must cross the Black Forest and go to Strasburg, which is on the Rhine, and there take a boat and go down the Rhine to Amsterdam in Holland, and there he would find ships that would carry him across the Atlantic ocean to Philadelphia. The schoolmaster encouraged him to go. This was all calculated to strengthen Hartman's resolution. He returned to his home with his heart brimfull of America. Yes, he would go. "Come what may," he said to himself, "I will go to America." But how would his wife like to go? He had never said any thing to her about it; he would go right home and tell her. She would, no doubt, agree to it at once. When he came home he looked so cheerful and happy, that the eye of affection at once saw that there was something unusual in his mind. "Why, John, what makes you look so pleasant?" "Come, Magdalena, sit down here, and I will tell you." She sat down on a stool, and when John had lit his pipe, he informed her of his determination. "Well, John, it is hard to leave one's country, and the graves of our pious dead, and our dear church; but if you think it best, I will not oppose you, but will cheerfully follow you to the end of the world!" John Hartman was not the man that could remain unmoved when he heard this. His heart swelled with emotion, and his eyes filled with tears, as he tried to say, "God bless you, dear, faithful wife!"

Their arrangements were soon made: their slender effects were disposed of, the papers obtained, and soon they were on their way to Strasburg. One of their neighbors hauled them over the Black Forest, and they had a pleasant journey to the Rhine. At Strasburg they took a large boat with a number of other German emigrants, and arrived safely at Amsterdam in about two weeks. Here they found a ship ready to sail in a few days for Philadelphia. In about a week, the good ship "New World" weighed her anchor, and spread her sails to the winds, and soon plowed her way through the blue waters of the ocean. The accommodations were good, and, although the passage was tedious, being sixty-four days on sea, yet it was prosperous. They had some rough weather--the winds blew an awful tempest, and the waves ran mountain high, and the passengers were much alarmed; yet the noble ship outrode the storm, and brought them in safety to their desired haven. Oh, how great was their joy when the land of the New World was first seen! John Hartman and his wife thanked God for their safe passage. They arrived in Philadelphia on the twentieth of June, 1744.

The weather was beautiful, and although the city was then small compared with the present time, yet the country round about it was more beautiful. Nature was then seen on the banks of the noble rivers that flow through the city, in all her pristine glory and loveliness. John Hartman had money enough to pay his passage, and had even enough left to carry him to the country, and start him on a farm. But, alas! this was not the case with a number of those who had come across the ocean with him. They were poor, and had to become what was then called "Redemptionists;" that is, they had to be sold into servitude to pay the expenses of their transportation to this country. This was hard: the father was sometimes sold to one man, the mother to another, and the children perhaps to another, and thus the family was altogether and often forever broken up. On a certain day, a kind of an auction was made, for the sale of these poor white slaves, and the highest bidder took either the father, or mother, or some of the children, and carried them off to places where they would perhaps never see their relatives again. I recollect, when a boy, of seeing some of those Redemptionists, who had not yet served out their time; and yet, strange to say, even this cruel system had its advantages, and the German character, by its own innate energy, rose above the degradation which it fastened upon it, and many of the wealthiest and most respectable families in Pennsylvania and Delaware are the descendants of these Redemptionists, or, as they were sometimes also called, Redemptioners. I was personally acquainted with one in my youth, who was sold, when he was seven years old, for fourteen years. Such was his energy and industry, that when he had been free two years, he rented his master's mill, two years afterward he married his master's only daughter, and, in 1818, he was the most wealthy and enterprising man in the county where he lived.

In order to give the reader of these pages a correct idea of this system, I will here translate an article from the "Hallische Nachrichten," or the Annals of Halle, a work which is highly esteemed in the Lutheran church, as the only book that contains anything like an authentic history of the planting and training of the Lutheran church in America. This work is mostly from the able pen of Rev. Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, D. D., who is justly looked upon as the Apostolic Father of the American Lutheranchurch. The article here given is from his prolific pen. It is found in a note on page 997. It would seem that the men who were engaged in the nefarious business of coaxing the poor German emigrants into this voluntary servitude, were a base and unprincipled set of scoundrels, and were called Neulanders, or Newlanders. Dr. Muhlenberg says, "I dare not omit the duty imposed upon me at this place, to make some remarks concerning the Newlanders, and to warn our German countrymen against them. I do not now speak of those persons who go back to Germany for their inheritance, or to collect funds for others who reside here, and who sometimes lay the funds thus collected out for merchandise, which they dispose of in our

markets. This is a lawful business, with which I find no fault. But when I speak of Newlanders, I mean those who are too lazy to work, and whose object in going to Germany is not only to collect funds, but to entice, by various dishonorable means, multitudes of poor Germans to leave their country and come to this new world. These Newlanders make themselves acquainted with the merchants in Holland; these merchants give them a free passage, and a douceur, or bribe, for each family or individual they can entice into the hands of those merchants. In order that they may accomplish their ends, they use all kinds of dishonorable and crafty means. They are accustomed to dress in costly attire, display their rich jewelry, and try to leave the impression that they are very rich, in order to stimulate the cupidity of the poor Germans, and to make them the more desirous to remove to such a lucky and happy country. They make such extraordinary representations of the country that one is almost induced to believe that all the country was nothing but elysian fields, that sow themselves without labor or toil; that the mountains were all made of gold and silver; and that nothing but milk and honey flowed from all its springs. They would make one believe that he who goes to America as a servant shall become a lord, the maid shall become a lady, the farmer shall become a nobleman, the citizen and mechanic a baron. Here in America, according to their representations, the government is made and unmade by the people, just as it may suit them. Now, as every person has a natural desire to improve his condition, who would not cheerfully go to such a country? In Europe, the land is overburdened with inhabitants, and especially as the labor of the poorer classes is not in demand, and the taxes and the (Frolindienst) service which the peasant owes to the landholder are intolerable; is it any wonder that so many are ready to go to America? Families are broken up, their little worldly possessions are converted into money, their debts are paid, and if any thing should be left, it is put into the hands of the Newlanders, and the journey is soon commenced. Next comes the journey on the Rhine. From Holland, the emigrant cannot always start across the ocean when he pleases, and, therefore, he accepts money in advance from the merchants, or ship-owners. Then comes the enormous expence of the sea-voyage, and a head-tax for each individual. Before they leave Holland, they must sign an agreement drawn up in English, (which, of course, they do not understand,) the Newlanders meanwhile assuring them that it is all right, and that they would not, of course, see their countrymen imposed upon. The more passengers can be crowded into the ship, the better it is for the captain and owner, provided they do not die on the way. The ship is kept clean and pure, and every means is used to bring the chattel into market in a sound and healthy state. Formerly, they were not so careful to preserve life, but permitted those to die who could not live!

"When parents happened to die on the passage, the captain and Newlanders usually acted as pro-

tectors of the children; the chests of the departed were opened, and the property taken into possession by those kindhearted scoundrels, and, when the ship reached the port, the poor children were sold to pay their own and the passage of their deceased parents; and, if there were any quite young ones among them, they were given away, and all the property remaining was appropriated to themselves by those pious guardians of the poor children, as fees for their guardianship.

"Such heaven-crying enormities called loudly for redress, and gave occasion to a number of the well-disposed German citizens of Philadelphia to unite themselves into an organization, called the 'German Society,' whose object was to aid and assist the poor emigrants, and to see that justice was done to those unfortunate ones.

"As soon as the ship is freighted in Holland, the wearisome and dangerous voyage commences. The hardships and trials of a lengthened sea-voyage, occasioned by sickness, storms, and other causes, are very much ameliorated with the hope of soon reaching the New World, and in that new world a perfect paradise. At length, one ship after the other arrives at the port of Philadelphia, perhaps when the cold winter is at the door. The merchants in this city receive a list of the emigrants, and the articles of agreement which each one signed in Holland; and then follows the account of the journey down the Rhine, and the money advanced by the Newlanders, the amount of freight, and the provisions they received. The passage for a grown person was formerly from six to eight Louis d'or; now, however, it amounts to from sixteen to seventeen Louis d'or, (which is \$74.48). Before the ship can enter the port, according to our laws, all persons must be carefully examined, to learn whether they are free from contagious diseases. Then the emigrants are marched in procession to the custom-house, where they must take the oath of allegiance to the King of England; then they are marched back to the ship. Then it is published in the papers, that there are so many Germans to be sold for their passage. Those who have the means purchase themselves; those who have not the means, or no friends to advance funds, are sold. The ship is the market-house. The purchasers go to the ship, and select such as they want, make a bargain for so many years, go to the agent, pay down the money, and have an indenture made, which transfers the ownership for the time specified. The young people, of both sexes, are generally sold first, and get a good or bad situation according to the disposition of the master, or as God in his providence permits. It has often been observed that those children who were disobedient to their parents, and left them without their consent, generally fell into such hands where they received the reward of their evil ways."

"Old and infirm persons no one wants, for such are already too numerous. But if they have children, the children are sold for the passage of their infirm parents, and, of course, are sold higher, because they must serve so much longer. Thus, the children are scattered far and wide, among people of different

languages, where they will forget their native tongue, and perhaps never see each other or their parents again. The old persons are then permitted to leave the ship; they come into the city poor, spiritless, and naked, and look as though they had come from their graves; they then go about among the Germans and beg their bread: for the English people are afraid of catching infectious diseases from them, and do not admit them into their houses. These things are enough to cause one's heart to bleed. We see these poor human beings, who have come from a land of gospel grace, weeping and mourning, and wringing their hands in anguish! They curse, in the bitterest language, all the Newlanders and merchants who so grossly deceived them. But, alas! those who are absent do not hear those curses and lamentations; and the so-called Newlanders only laugh at their calamities, and give them the comfort which the priests gave to Judas Iscariot:--'What is that to us? see thou to it.' The very children themselves, when they find that they must serve so much longer for their parents, often hate and even despise them."

Such is the picture drawn of this nefarious system of white slavery by Dr. Muhlenberg, and such a scene was acted on the good ship "New World" when she arrived at Philadelphia. As stated before, John Hartman had the means to pay his own way; and the benevolence of his heart even prompted him to assist several of his countrymen, so that they were not sold into bondage. I thought it important to say thus much about the Redemptionists, so that the children of our Lutheran church may know something about the hardships and trials our forefathers had to encounter when they first came to this Western world. Dr. Muhlenberg frequently refers to those wicked and unprincipled men called the Newlanders. But it was fortunate for John Hartman that he was able to keep himself out of their clutches.

to be continued  
Chapter II - Settlement in America

# The Hour Glass



To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

## THE RIEHL FAMILY

The family of John and Levina (Yoder) Riehl is being continued from previous issues.

submitted by Amos L. Fisher



## RECORD NO. 24

## FAMILY RECORD

## JOEL Y. KENNEL OF CATHERINE MANN

BORN October 7, 1862 AT Baltimore County, Md.

MARRIED February 28, 1889. AT Evangelical Parsonage, Lewisburg, Pa. BY Rev. J. A. Hollenbach

DIED AT

AGE D. YEARS, M. MONTHS, D. DAYS.

## SEE RECORD NO. 8

NAME	BORN	AT	BIRTHS.	NAME	BORN	AT	NOTE MATERIAL
Baby Girl,	October 1, 1889	Gop. Lancaster County, Pa.					
Mabel Edora.	January 12, 1891	Chicago, Illinois.					
Earl,	October 14, 1892	"					
Jane Elizabeth,	June 9, 1894						

NAME	MARRIED	AT	MARRIAGES.	NAME	OF	BY	NOTE
Mabel Edora	March 27, 1912	Chicago, Ill.		Ward T. Mills			
Jane Elizabeth	June 9, 1917.	"		Joseph Gilbert Hayden			

NAME	DIED	AT	DEATHS.	NAME	OF	BY	NOTE
Baby Girl	November 1, 1889.	Gop. Lancaster Co., Pa.	Catarrh				
Earl.	May 3, 1897.	Chicago Ill.	Diphtheria				





RECORD NO. 29

## FAMILY RECORD

**JOSEPH R. MILLER** *of* **LIZZIE S. GINGERICH**

BORN August 2, 1868 AT Baltimore County, Md.

MARRIED January 1, 1895 AT Holton, Missouri.

DIED

AT ——

AGED — YEARS, — MONTHS, — DAYS  
SEE RECORD NO. 7BORN February 6, 1873 AT McLean County, Ill.  
BY REV. J. J. Hartzler.

DIED

AT ——

AGED — YEARS, — MONTHS, — DAYS  
SEE RECORD NO. 7

NAME	BORN	AT	NUMBER	BIRTHS		NAME	BORN	AT	NUMBER
				NAME	NUMBER				
Ebenezer Lorena.	January 25, 1896	Holton, Missouri.							
Alvin Oliver	December 21, 1897	Garden City,							
Raymond Andrew	July 10, 1900.	"							
Archibald Jonas	March 8, 1904	"							
Clarence Edward	July 10, 1906	"							
NAME	MARRIED	AT		MARRIAGES	TO	OF	BY	AT	NUMBER
Ebenezer Lorena									

RECORD NO. 30

## FAMILY RECORD

**JACOB SMITH RIEHL** *of* **LIZZIE S. GINGERICH**

BORN April 29, 1883 AT Shiloh Grove, Snyder County, Pa.

MARRIED

AT ——

AGED — YEARS, — MONTHS, — DAYS  
SEE RECORD NO. 11

BORN

AT

AGE

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BIRTHS

NAME

BORN

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**Introduction to a Series of Articles on,  
"Regina, the Indian Captive"**

To most of our readers, the story of Regina sounds familiar in one way or another. Some will remember of reading a story about Regina, a nine-year-old girl taken captive by the Indians, but who was she? where did she live? when did this cruel incident take place? did she ever come back to her mother? did she ever marry? where is she buried? Oh yes, she had a sister Barbara, and whatever became of her? Perhaps most of us will remember her as being an Indian captive for nine years, along with her sister Barbara whom we cannot recall of ever coming back, but Regina did come back to her mother (then a widow) not in a miraculous way, but in the same way that many a stray child has been reunited with the family, because of pure Christian culture being implanted in the heart of the child when he was young.

Some readers will say this family lived in Berks County, sure enough, she is buried there, some say it was Schuylkill Co., others say it was Lancaster Co. A few have even thought it to be Union or Snyder Counties, Pennsylvania. Some will think of her as being an Amish or a Mennonite girl because she responded to the German hymn, "Allein und Doch Nicht Gantz Allein," commonly sung, or read in our society today. All of these questions we have long wondered about. We searched general circulation for the truth, but have failed to find it there. Only with patience, as materials accumulate, with kind and helping hands, can such things be uncovered.

What about her name? You will notice the imprints on her monument, Regina Leininger, in legend, Regina Hartman. As to her name, this is nearest to the truth that we can find.

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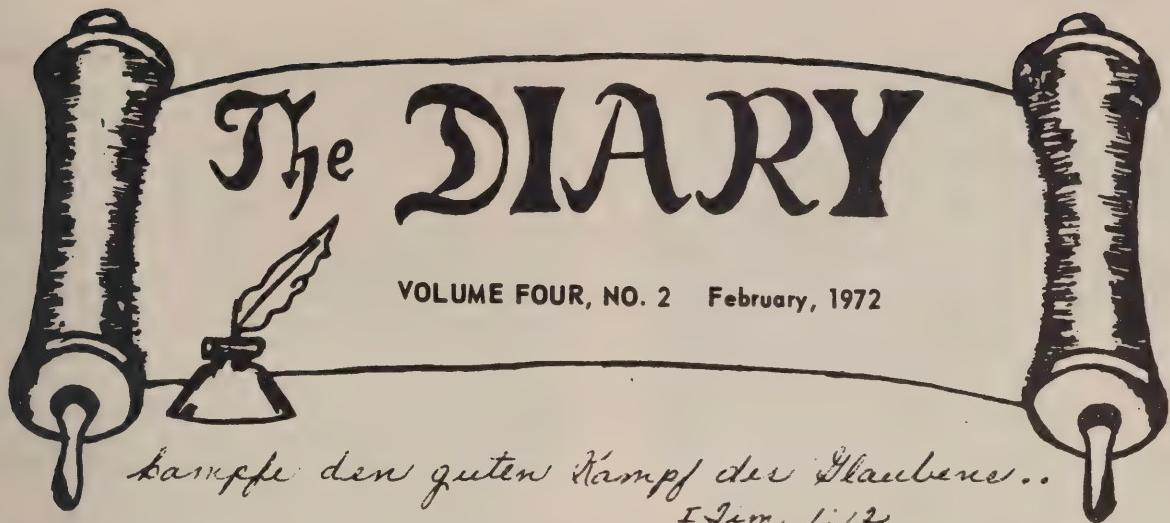
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**Why Hartman?**

While this story of Regina is one of the deepest in its class, it is impressive, even inspiring. It contains a lesson for every family head who desires to raise a family in a Christian manner today. The motto, "The family that prays together, stays together," is hardly ever more clearly displayed than in this story of Regina. But it is also a story of confusion. A few years ago we read in an article from a Pennsylvania History, of this story of Regina. It named the family head as John Hartman, born in 1710 who lived in the Orwicksburg section (Schuylkill Co.). Another report claimed the family to be that of Henry Hartman of the Swatara Gap - Bethel area (Lebanon Co.). But in the midst of all these confusions we have not yet found any of these accounts to be fictitious or deceiving to a reader, because they all give the ordeals of the day, being collected from limited sources of knowledge and released by a writer or poet of the time. They all wind up with the same narrative, Regina, a young maid of peace loving, German speaking, Christian family in her tender years, was seized by a party of savage redmen, who were embittered towards the whites during a period of the French and Indian War. In this company she was taken through the woods to an Indian meeting place where she met a handful of other victims some of which she knew well, including a sister, but only to be divided, and departed, taken asunder across the river, over the rocks and mountains, to places unknown to her. But harder yet to endure were the strange manners and customs in which she was dealt with. She was now away from a home of loving hands, away from a true mother's heart, but at home she was never forgotten. She must now accept this rude manner of life and was treated much that way at first until she was given the final test, as is customary in Indian tribes. Afterwards she was dealt with more moderately, and sometimes even kindly, so as with time she grew into Indianhood, or as the Indians claimed, her white blood was to be washed out. But something lay in her heart that the Indians could not take away.

In due time she was led to a new home by her own mother. The next thing we read about Regina is that her mother accompanied her to the home of Rev. Henrich Melchior Muhlenberg,<sup>1</sup> as Mrs. Arthur D. Graeff writes, primarily to reestablish Christian teachings for her daughter which were denied her for almost nine years. Good Pastor Muhlenberg wrote an account of her visit in his pastoral report and also an account of the incident, but failed to mention any surname of the family. This was penned in 1765, where he does mention two daughters, Barbara aged 12 and Regina aged 9 at the time of their capture. From this account arises many a well meant story of Regina, the Indian Captive, without a surname and in this course historians have tried to fit the incident continued on page 11

<sup>1</sup>. Rev. Muhlenberg was the pastor of St. Michael's church near Hamburg.



*Kampf den guten Kampf des Glaubens...*

I Tim. 1:12

#### OF THE OLD ORDER AMISH CHURCH OF AMERICA

A CONTRIBUTION OF THE CHURCH FOR THE CHURCH BY THE CHURCH IN  
THE INTEREST OF COLLECTING AND PRESERVING ITS HISTORICAL VIRTUES

#### INDIANA WOMAN DIED AT AGE 99

Katie (Gingerich) Bender was born in Johnson Co. Iowa, Jan. 3, 1872, to John and Elizabeth (Mishler) Gingerich; died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, the Uriah Bontragers of Goshen, Indiana at the age of 99 yr., 11 mo., and 17 days. On January 4, 1894 she was married to Noah Bender who died June 25, 1940; lived together 46 yr., 5 mo., and 21 da. To this union were born 4 sons and 4 daughters. Surviving are 2 sons and 2 daughters, John, Orus, Eliza, wife of Elam Hochstetler and Esther, wife of Uriah Bontrager, all of Goshen, Indiana; 37 grandchildren, 113 great-grandchildren; one brother, Frank Gingerich of Kalona, Iowa, and one foster sister, Joella, wife of Frank Gingerich of Upland, California. Her parents, two sisters, five brothers, two sons, and two daughters preceded her in death. Since Jan. of 1971 she was completely deaf, making it hard to communicate with her, but was still able to do many things for herself until three weeks before her death. She often expressed her desire to leave this world but was willing to wait until the Lord called her. Death was caused by complications of old age. Funeral services were held at the home where she had lived for 73 years; preaching in German by Perry Nisley and Dan Mast; in English by Morris Swartzentruber of Kalona, Iowa.

#### FOUR-YEAR-OLD HAD MENINGOCOCCEMIA

Ezra D. Keim, four, of Fredericksburg R1, Ohio, died Monday morning, February 21, of Meningococcemia at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan M. Keim. He is survived by grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mose J. Keim and Mr. and Mrs. William R. Yoder, both of Fredericksburg R2; five brothers and seven sisters, all of the home. Funeral services were held by Bish. Andrew Weaver; Burial in the Ben Weaver Cemetery in Salt Creek Twp., Holmes County.

#### AYLMER, ONTARIO, ACCIDENTS

In January, David Borntrager of Mt. Elgin fell from the roof of his house and broke his arm.

On February 7, LeRoy Eicher had an accident while trying to help his neighbor start his tractor. They were pulling the tractor with the team. LeRoy was walking along side of the front of the tractor when his right foot slipped and the hind wheel went over his left leg. The big bone was broken between the ankle and knee and the flesh was cut to the bone by the steel lugs. He still spends most of his time in bed as of March 1st, but seems to be improving faster now.

#### SOMERSET CO., PA. FIRE

On January 29 between 8 and 9 a.m. Noah E. Brenneman's shop burned down from an overheated furnace. Most of the building burned but the tools were practically all saved. It has been rebuilt already and is about ready to work in again.

#### DAVIESS CO., IND. NOTE

Herman, 10 year old son of Amos Knepps is in Indianapolis Hospital. He has Leukemia. Their address is Montgomery R.R.#1, Indiana 47558.

Mrs. Victor Stoll, 81, fell at church February 13 and broke her hip. She has been in the hospital since. Address is Montgomery R.R.#1, Indiana.

#### VISITING MINISTERS, Arthur, Ill.

In church at Monroe J. Hostetlers Feb. 6, were Bishop Joe L. Graber from Daviess Co., Ind. and Bishop Joe Yoder from Ohio.

In wedding Feb. 24 and church at Jacob Chups Sat., Feb. 26 was Edward Yoder of Garnett, Kansas

In church at Dea. Joni Planks Sunday, Feb. 27 was Leroy Farmwald from Nappanee, Indiana.



## BIRTHS

## Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

- ALLGYER, Elam (Rachel Blank) New Providence R1  
a daughter RACHEL, February 4
- BEILER, Daniel E. (Rachel K. Esh) 78 Maple Ave.,  
Leola, a daughter ANNIE E., February 15
- ESH, Jonas (Fannie Zook) 534 Willow Rd., Lancaster  
a son SAMUEL, February 2
- ESH, Simeon D., (Mary S. Beiler) Quarryville R3  
a daughter SUSANNA, February 1
- FISHER, Amos E. (Rachel Lapp) Ronks R1  
a daughter ANNIE L., February 22
- FISHER, Daniel M. (Sadie S. Petersheim) Strasburg R1  
a son JAY DANIEL, February 26
- FISHER, Levi Z. (Lydia P. Fisher) Bart Post Office  
a son SAMUEL E., February 16
- GLICK, Joel K. (Lizzie E. Riehl) Quarryville R3  
a daughter HANNAH R., February 27
- KING, Bennie L. (Rachel Stoltzfus) Paradise R1  
a son DANIEL S., February 10
- KING, Bennie P. (Mary Zook) New Holland R1  
a daughter ESTHER MAE, February 26
- KING, Christ L. (Elsie King) Kinzers R1  
a daughter MARIAN, February 17
- KING, Jacob K. (Rebecca S. Smucker) 159 Greenfield  
Rd., Lancaster, a son JACOB K. JR., February 11
- KING, Jonathan Z. (Fannie Ruth Beiler) 262 Strasburg  
Pike, Lancaster, a daughter LYDIA ANN, Feb. 17
- LAPP, Jacob H. (Fannie F. Riehl) Gap R1  
a daughter KATIE R., February 29
- LAPP, Levi A. (Rachel Fisher) Quarryville R2  
a son SAMUEL F., February 27
- STOLTZFOOS, Jonas F. (Susie Zook) 10 Stoltzfus  
Lane, Leola, a son AMMON B., February 28
- STOLTZFOOS, Moses G. (Suvilla Kauffman) Ronks R1  
a daughter BARBARA K., February 10
- STOLTZFUS, Christ (Katie Stoltzfus) Gap R1  
twins, STEVIE & SADIE, February 3
- STOLTZFUS, Daniel K. (Hannah Lapp) Gordonville R1  
a daughter LYDIA ANN, February 17
- STOLTZFUS, Eli K. (Barbara S. Stoltzfus) New Holland  
R2, a son JOHN S., February 23
- STOLTZFUS, Jacob K. (Katie Fisher) 136 E. Main St.  
Leola, a daughter SARAH ANN, February 22
- STOLTZFUS, John F. (Fannie E. Beiler) Strasburg R1  
a daughter EMMA RUTH, February 28
- STOLTZFUS, John M. (Lizzie Blank) Bird-in-Hand R1  
a son AMOS B., February 9
- STOLTZFUS, John Z. (Rachel S. Blank) Gap R1  
a daughter NANCY B., February 26

- STOLTZFUS, Mark S. (Priscilla Stoltzfus) Elverson  
R2, a son HENRY S., February 11
- STOLTZFUS, Samuel I. (Sylvia Stoltzfus) Gordonville  
R1, a son GIDEON B., February 9
- STOLTZFUS, Samuel I. (Sarah Zook) Ronks R1  
a son SAMUEL JR., February 19
- STOLTZFUS, Solomon J. (Anna R. Stoltzfus) Gap R2  
a daughter ANNIE S., February 11
- ZOOK, Elam B. (Emma H. Lapp) Bird-in-Hand, R1  
a son DAVID, February 14

## Centre County, Pennsylvania

- FISHER, Christ (Anna Mary Stoltzfus) Madisonburg  
a daughter MARTHA, December 17, 1971
- FISHER, John G. (Anna Mae Stoltzfus) Millheim R.D.  
a daughter ELIZABETH, January 15
- STOLTZFUS, Daniel U. (Suvilla Stoltzfus) Spring Mills  
a son AMOS, November 2, 1971

## Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

- PEACHEY, Aaron (Annie Kanagy) Belleville  
a daughter RUTH, February 25

## Somerset County, Pennsylvania

- YODER, Kore P. (Annie Brenneman) Meyersdale  
a daughter EMMA RUTH, February 22

## Bronson, Michigan

- STUTZMAN, Mr. and Mrs. Levi L.,  
a son JOHN, January 12

## Arthur, Illinois

- HOSTETLER, Albert (Katie Ann Kaufman)  
a daughter REBA KAY, February 16
- MILLER, Melvin (Clara Kaufman)  
a son NELSON, February 15
- MILLER, Menno D. (Lorene Plank)  
a daughter EDITH FERN, February 20
- OTTO, Leroy (Sue Jane Sturzman)  
a daughter DOROTHY MARIE, February 13

## Johnson County, Iowa

- GINGERICHS, Rudy (Mary Ann Schlabach)  
a son, February 16
- HERSHBERGER, Isaac (Mary Edna Yoder)  
a daughter DOROTHY FERN, February 5
- KAUFFMAN, Cephas (Frieda Bender)  
a son MARCUS, February 6

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**LaGrange County, Indiana**

BEACHY, Levi (Lorene Yoder) Shipshewana R1  
a son LEON JAY, January 3

BONTRAGER, Ervin A. (Anna Yoder) Shipshewana R1  
a son JOSEPH E., January 13

BONTRAGER, Samuel (Wilma Miller) Rome City R1  
a daughter IRENE, January 24

CHRISTNER, Olen Jr. (Inez Hochstetler) Shipshewana R2, a son DON LAMAR, January 20

HOCHSTEDLER, John (Edith Graber) LaGrange R4  
a daughter JOANNA FAY, February 8

HOCHSTEDLER, Walter (Martha Smucker) Middlebury R1, a daughter JOYCE JEAN, February 11

KRAMER, Lester (Freeda Yoder) LaGrange R4  
a daughter LORA JEAN, January 4

KUHNS, Enos (Katie Schlabach) Topeka R  
a daughter MARY KATHRYN, February 15

LEHMAN, Perry Jay (Ida Mae Bontrager) Topeka R1  
a son ERVIN JAY, January 11

MAST, Mervin (Fannie Miller) Topeka R2  
a son MAYNERD, January 29

MILLER, Alvin (Emma Miller) Topeka R2  
a son GERALD EUGENE, February 11

MILLER, Amos (Ida Anna Hochstedler) Topeka R2  
a daughter KATIE IRENE, January 30

MILLER, Daniel (Inez Yoder) Middlebury R1  
a son LARRY EUGENE, February 7

MILLER, Harley (Esther Miller) Ligonier R3  
a son ERVIN H., December 31, 1971

MILLER, Levi (Dorothy Yoder) Topeka R1  
a daughter LINDA LORENE, February 10

MILLER, Olen (Barbara Bontrager) LaGrange R4  
a daughter ANITA ROSE, January 11

MILLER, Ora (Orpha Yoder) Wolcottville R1  
a daughter BECKY O., January 11

MILLER, Ora (Ella Lehman) Topeka R2  
a daughter DOROTHY MARIE, January 28

RABER, Mahlon (Freida Hostetler) Middlebury R1  
a daughter ERMA M., January 9

SCHROCK, Urias (Mary Beachy) LaGrange R4  
a son, January 30

WAGLER, David (Marlene Christner) Shipshewana R1  
a son LEON JAY, January 15

SCHWARTZ, Marvin (Mary Anna Lambright) LaGrange R1, a son JOSEPH JAY, January 31

WENGERD, Moses (Anna Borkholder) Topeka R2  
a daughter SUSAN M., February 2

WENGERD, William (Edna Miller) LaGrange R4  
a son JERRY W., January 15

WHETSTONE, Glen (Alma Hochstedler) Topeka R2  
a daughter TREVA G., January 16

WICKEY, Corneal (Lena Schrock) LaGrange R1  
a daughter PRISCILLA, January 25

YODER, Daniel (Mary Lehman) Middlebury R1  
a daughter RUTH MAE, December 31, 1971

YODER, LaVern (Mabel Mullet) Topeka R1  
a son LAVERN L. II, January 18

YODER, Marvin (Mary Yoder) LaGrange R4  
a son WILLIAM LAVERN, February 18

**Daviess County, Indiana**

EICHER, Willis (Barbarann Graber)  
a daughter NATHANIA, February 23

GRABER, Levi J. (Martha Wagler)  
a daughter KATHERINE, February 28

KNEPP, Henry (Rosie Graber)  
a son GALEN, January 31

KNEPP, John (Viola Graber)  
a son DAVID NICKLAS, February 12

RABER, John (Rosa Wagler)  
a daughter JOSEPHINE, February 16

WAGLER, Ben L. (Kate Knepp)  
a son KENNETH ALLEN, February 12

WAGLER, Lester (Mary Eicher)  
a daughter RUTH ANN, February 2

**Buchanan County, Iowa**

BONTRAGER, Daniel (Lizzie Mullet) Fairbank  
a daughter KATIE, January 16

GINGERICHE, Eli (Anna Schmucker) Independence  
a son EDDIE, February 14

GINGERICHE, Noah (Susie Yoder) Independence  
a son RUDY, February 16

HELMUTH, Perry (Esther Schmucker) Hazleton  
a daughter LORENE, January 16

SCHWARZ, Henry (Martha Yutzy) Hazleton  
a daughter CATHERENE, February 4

YODER, Dan J. (Sara Kauffman) Fairbank  
a son EMERY, February 5

**Jamesport, Missouri**

KRAMER, Vernon R. (Rebecca Graber)  
a daughter SARAH MAE, February 11

ROPP, Henry C. (Susie Kauffman)  
a daughter DOROTHY, February 21

SHROCK, Elvon C. (Rosa Graber)  
a daughter ESTHER, January 4

**Aylmer, Ontario, Canada**

BORNTRAGER, David (Ada Miller) Mt. Elgin  
a daughter SUSIE, February 25

BORTREGER, Samuel and Magdalena, Mt. Elgin  
a daughter MARY, February 9

LUTHY, David (Mary Stoll)  
a son BENJAMIN, February 27

**BAPTISMS**

Arthur, Illinois  
Lavern, son of Levi J. Hostetlers  
Andy Ray, son of Bishop William Masts  
Verna, daughter of Deacon Eli A. Millers



## OBITUARIES

Bender, Katie (Gingerich) of Goshen, Indiana  
died Dec. 20, 1971 (see front page)

## Eash, Lydia, 86, Millersburg R1, Indiana

died Wednesday, February 9, at 6:30 a.m. at the home of a son, Raymond, of Mt. Victory, Ohio, where she had resided the last year. She was born Oct. 7, 1885, in Holmes County, Ohio, and lived in the Millersburg and Middlebury communities most of her life. She was married November 22, 1906, to William T. Eash, who preceded her in death May 16, 1933. Surviving are four sons, Ora W. and Albert W., both of Shipshewana, Raymond of Mt. Victory, Ohio, and Samuel W. of Goshen; two daughters, Mrs. Abe (Inez) Miller of Middlebury and Mrs. Dan (Saloma) Mast of Millersburg; two sisters, Mrs. Katie Schrock of Goshen and Mrs. Ada Wingard of Topeka; 24 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Jeff Troyer residence at Goshen R1 by Bishop Milo J. Miller and Jeff Troyer. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery.

## Esh, Jonathan F., 77, of Ronks R1, Penna.

died Friday, February 25, at 6 a.m. at his home following a lengthy illness. He leaves a total of 153 survivors. He was born in Lancaster Co., a son of the late Daniel and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) Esh, and was married to Katie K. (Lapp) Esh. His first wife, Salome (Smoker) Esh, died in 1958. In addition to his widow, he is survived by the following children: Daniel S., Paradise R1; Barbara, wife of John S. Fisher, Lancaster R4; Aarie, wife of Elmer L. Lapp, Narvon R2; Amos L., at home; Annie, wife of Amos L. Lapp, Ronks R1; Mary, wife of Jonathan B. Fisher, Coatesville R2; Jonas S., Ronks R1; Aaron S. and Sadie, wife of Jacob M. Fisher, both of Gordonville 41; 65 grandchildren; 74 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Amos S. Esh, Intercourse, and Aaron S. Esh, Gordonville R1; a sister, Annie M., wife of Elam B. Stoltzfus; and a half-sister, Lizzie, wife of Aaron Beiler, Leola.

Funeral services were held at the small house by Enos Esh and Jonas King; at the farm house by Henry S. Fisher and Daniel E. Stoltzfus, hymn read by John E. Esh; burial was in Beiler's Cemetery, Ronks.

## Kaufman, Mary Ann, 79, of Shipshewana, Indiana

died suddenly Sunday, January 30, at 5:15 p.m. at her home. She was born February 6, 1892, near Shipshewana and had lived most of her life in the area. She was married December 29, 1910, to David J. Kaufman, who survives; also three daughters, Mrs. Henry (Alpha) Whetstone of Shipshewana R2, Mrs. John (Sovilla) Helmuth of Wolcottville and Mrs. Amos (Gertie) Schwartz of Goshen R1; four sons, Amos of Los Angeles, Calif., Joseph of Kalamazoo, Mich., and Daniel and Eli D. both of Goshen; 14 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; five step-grandchildren, 12 step-great-grandchildren; two brothers, John and Samuel Werich, both of Middlebury, and a sister, Mrs. Henry Hochstetler of Middlebury. A daughter preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held at the Henry Whetstone residence by Bishop John Troyer and Perry Bontrager. Burial was in the Naylor Cemetery.

Keim, Ezra D., four, of Fredericksburg R1, Ohio  
died Monday, February 21. (see front page)

## Miller, Katie, 82, of Middlebury R1, Indiana

died Sunday morning, January 2, at her home following an illness of two months. She was born Sept. 2, 1889, near Middlebury, where she was a lifetime resident. She was married March 5, 1903, to Jacob R. Miller, who survives; also six sons, Samuel of LaGrange and Levi, Daniel, David, Lloyd and Rudy, all of Middlebury; three daughters, Mrs. Neal Miller of Middlebury, Mrs. LeRoy Schrock of Hayward, Wis., and Mrs. Joe A. Bontrager of Goshen R1; 61 grandchildren; 141 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Lydia Bontrager and Mrs. Susie Lambright, both of Shipshewana, and two brothers, David L. Miller of Shipshewana and Crist L. Miller of Topeka.

Funeral services were held in the Lloyd R. Miller home, southwest of Middlebury, by Bishop Enos Troyer. Burial was in the Thomas Cemetery.



**Peachey, Fannie, 10, days, Belleville, Pa.**

twin daughter of Jonas and Susie (Swarey) Peachey was born January 26, 1972, died February 5, 1972, was in the hospital all her life. She is survived by her parents, a twin sister Nannie, who is still in the hospital but seems to be doing well now, but still weighs less than 5 pounds. They expect to bring her home soon. Her grandparents are Pre. Crist B. Peachey and David C. Swareys, Belleville; great-grandparents, Crist K. Swarey, Millcreek, and Jonathan Zooks of Lancaster, Pa.

**Schwartz, Infant, Snyder County, Pa.**

On February 18, Mose T. Schwartz had a son born which lived only about two hours. He was buried on Saturday the 19th in the Amish Cemetery.

**Stoltzfus, Aaron K., 64, of Lancaster Co., Pa.**

died Friday, February 4, at Osteopathic Hospital in Lancaster. He lived with his sister Katie, wife of Aldus Ranck, in Steelville, Chester Co. for the past 20 years. He was born in Leacock Twp., a son of the late Samuel P. and Katie K. (King) Stoltzfus. Besides his sister, he is survived by a brother, Daniel K. Stoltzfus, Myerstown R2, Pa. Burial was in Myers Cemetery, Monday, February 7.

**Yoder, Amos, 76, of LaGrange R1, Indiana**

died Tuesday, February 8, at his home following an illness of several years. He was born in Daviess Co., Ind., January 14, 1896, a son of Isaac and Magdalena (Stoll) Yoder. He was married in Daviess Co. November 25, 1917, to Emma Graber, who survives. He had resided in the LaGrange area since 1956, moving from Hicksville, Ohio. Also surviving are 7 sons, Jacob and Joseph of LaGrange, Cletus of Topeka, John of Wolcottville, David of Hicksville, O., Amos Jr. of Hamilton and Simon of Goshen; three daughters, Mrs. Roswell (Magdalena) Shell of Ligonier, Mrs. Leroy (Katie) Nisley of Wolcottville and Mrs. Harvey (Fannie) Lambright of Topeka; two brothers, Lewis of Oden, Ind., and John Henry of Hicksville, O.; a sister, Mrs. William Wagler of Hicksville; 63 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held by Daniel J. Bontrager; burial in the Miller Cemetery, southwest of LaGrange.

**Yoder, Katie, 67, of Baltic R1, Ohio**

died Friday evening, February 25, at Pomerene Hospital, Millersburg, after a two-month illness. She was born in Holmes County to the late Andrew and Mary (Beachy) Troyer. Surviving are her husband, Jonas A. Yoder; a daughter, Mrs. David A. (Amanda) Miller of Sugarcreek R1; a son Andy J.K. of the home; three sisters, Mrs. Eli M. Raber of Baltic R1, Mrs. Joe J. Yoder and Mrs. Levi Y. Raber, both of Baltic R1; six brothers, E. A. Troyer and Mose A. Troyer, both of Baltic R1; Jonas A. of Millersburg R5, Levi A. of Baltic R1 and Christ A. of Topeka, Ind.; Sam A. of Fresno R3; 10 grandchildren. A sister died previously. Funeral services were held by Bishop Andrew E. Yoder; burial was in Yoder Cemetery.

**Yoder, Noah J., 75, of Shipshewana R1, Indiana**

died Saturday night, January 1, at his home. He was born March 31, 1896, near Topeka and had lived at his present home the last eleven years. He was married March 13, 1919, to Mattie Yoder, who survives. Also surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Alva Miller of Shipshewana, Mrs. Levi Lambright, Mrs. Monroe Yoder of Middlebury, Emma Yoder of Goshen and Mrs. Isaac Borkholder of Nappanee; five sons, Menno and Alton, both of Millersburg, Daniel of New Haven, LeRoy of Goshen and Amsie of Nappanee; 38 grandchildren and a brother, Andrew of Goshen. Funeral services were held in the Lewis Hochstetler residence by Bishop Peter Miller; burial was in the East Barren Cemetery, southeast of Shipshewana.

**MARRIAGES****LaGrange County, Indiana**

Miller, Bontrager — Andrew, son of Urias and Beulah (Miller) Miller, and Dorothy, daughter of Harry Bontragers, in February

Mishler, Miller — Ora, son of the late Harry and Mattie (Lambright) Mishler, and Mary, daughter of Urias and Beulah (Miller) Miller, February 10

Miller, Beachy — Harvey, son of Annie (Bontrager) and the late Eli Miller, and LeAnna, daughter of Alvin Beachys, February 17

Miller, Bontrager — Glen, son of Lloyd and Anna Mae Miller, and Lydia Mae, daughter of Reuben and Mary (Mast) Bontrager, February 24

**Daviess County, Indiana**

Wagler, Graber — Dwayne, son of Noah Waglers, and Joann, daughter of Ben Grabers, by Bishop Joe L. Graber, February 13

**Arthur, Illinois**

Yoder, Mast — Reuben, son of Dea. Joe D. Yoders, and Ruth, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Willie Mast, February 3

Miller, Yoder — Levi, son of Bish. Dan and Katie (Kaufman) Miller, and Bernese, daughter of Howard and Nettie (Beachey) Yoder, February 24

**MIGRATION** — Noah N. Eichers moved from Granville, Indiana to Pleasant Lake, Stuben Co., Indiana on March 2, 1972.

## 1972 February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29				

### Lancaster County, Pa. by Levi L. Stoltzfus

The Bareville area had 2.3 inches of rain in Feb. and 16 inches of snow.

**Market Report:** Prime Steers sold \$38.25 Cwr.; Stockers and Feeders, 33.50 to 45.00 Cwt.; Veal, 66.00 Cwt.; Fat Hogs, 27.25 to 31.50 Cwt.; Spring Lambs, 32.50; A load of fresh cows from Wisconsin sold from 510.00 to 690.00 at New Holland. Heavy Fowl, 10 to 16¢; Pullets, 24 to 27¢; Ducks, 44¢; Geese, 41¢; Guineas, 65¢; Rabbits, 65 to 67¢; Pigeons, 1.20 pair; Eggs, large, 36¢; Potatoes, 1.80 to 2.25 Cwt.; Hay, 30.00 ton; Straw, 35.00 to 40.00 ton; Ear Corn, 40.00 ton, 1.38 Bu.; Wheat, 1.50 Bu.; Barley, 1.12 Bu. Cats, .95 Bu.

### Snyder County, Pa. by Sam M. Troyer

On Saturday, Feb. 19th a blizzard hit our area, 22 to 24 inches of snow was reported. High winds drifted the roads shut. It was Thursday the 24th when the road past our place was completely open. Otherwise nothing much unusual in the weather line for February.

On February 1 Amos Eichers arrived here from Paraguay. Down there they had temperature of over 00 degrees, then up here they arrived in near zero cold, quite a change. They have nine children.

### Centre County, Pa. by Tobias D. Stoltzfus

February was a wintery month in this section, with some subzero weather the first half of the month. Also a little snow off and on but not much lying at any time, until the 18th it started snowing and continued till the 20th, which was our church Sunday. It started blowing that morning, and according to one report, we had 30 plus inches of snow and 50 plus miles an hour wind. It made huge snow drifts and roads were closed. We had no church services that day, but a week later instead. The snow was melting rapidly the last few days of February with temperature in the fifties. Hay and straw seems to be scarcer than usual and somewhat higher priced than the last several years.

### Wayne County, Ohio by Ray J. Yoder

Coldest for February was 6 below zero, highest was 60 above. Last part of the month was very warm for February. About two days that it rained, at present very muddy. Some farmers have quite a bit of plowing done. According to what the paper says, it is predicted to be a good year for farmers pricewise. I think they deserve a raise. Of course, when they say the farmers will get better prices, up go the groceries 4% also. See you all in March.

### Mifflin County, Pa. by Catherine Swarey

February was our winter month, Feb. 1 was cloudy all day, Feb. 2 and 3 it snowed nearly all day, but didn't fill up, seemed to melt underneath. Had snow every week but seemed to melt too, very good sledding at school the week of Feb. 5. The weekend of 19, 20, 21, we had our big snow, and wind which piled it into beautiful drifts, and closed the roads. The snow could not be measured. I would estimate 20 to 30 inches snowfall in Feb., highest temperature, 68, lowest was zero.

Attendance at church Feb. 20 was very small due to closed roads. Lower district at Pre. John Peights had 35 attending; South Middle at Jonathan Swareys had 26, and Upper Middle at John R. Peachey's, 31. Feb. 29 was a warm, most beautiful springlike day, with snow melting.

### Somerset County, Pa. by Mary A. Kinsinger

The weather for February was quite snowy and wintery. The weekend of the 20th we had a real old-fashioned blizzard, closing most roads and had many high drifts. Many people with cars and trucks were stranded. No school was held Monday or Tuesday and no mail went from Saturday till Tuesday. The attendance at church services was small with only about 27 attending, two women, two girls, and the rest were men and boys, some arriving late. Latter part of February was more moderate again. There is still quite a bit of cold and flu around.

### St. Mary's County, Maryland by Amos R. Stoltzfus

First snow this winter that accumulated fell on February 2, 4 inches. Rained the next day and took it all away. Here in Southern Maryland we had damp foggy rainy weather with now and then a cold snap of ten degrees or so. Lots of wind, rain the 13th, snowed about 6 inches the 17th. The next day and night it rained a lot and the 19th it snowed again all day, but didn't pile up much. It was windy, too that day and next day, temperature around 25. On the 24th and 26th, more rain, the 28th and 29th it seemed like Spring. Lots of mud around. Flu seems about over around here.

### Bronson, Michigan by Ora A. Graber

The latter part of January was quite cold, but not much snow or wind. The first part was warmer with rain and much wind with it. Veal are topping 55¢ a lb.; hogs live weight are selling from 26¢ to 27¢ a lb. which were fed on, "below a dollar," corn; feed grain prices are still low.

### Allen County, Indiana by Noah Eicher

Weather this winter was warmer than usual, not much snow, and not too heavy rainfalls, coldest was 20 below on January 16, warmest was 50 on Jan. 22. Plowing could be done until late fall. Weather from middle February seems like spring and a lot of birds are singing.

**Topeka, Indiana by Amos N. Miller**

The first two weeks in January were mild then on Sunday the 16th it was 20 below zero. Stayed around zero till February, then it was changeable with some high winds and one snow storm. Some roads were closed for a short time. Very little rain all winter, water level has been down over a year. Strong market for hogs and beef. Hogs were as high as \$28.00 per Cwt.; steers around 35.00 and up to 37.00 per Cwt.; Dairy cows and heifers up to \$650.00 per head. A strong market for young calves and many are brought here from other states and raised, then shipped out again.

**Daviess County, Indiana by Lester Marner**

A very mild February, temperature up to 70 on the 29th. Very little precipitation.

**Arthur, Illinois by Menno A. Diener**

Weather for February was mostly mild, with a few sudden changes, Monday 21st the temperature stood at 58 at 2 p.m., by sunup the next morning it was 16 above. We had a little moisture in the form of rain of about  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch and 2 inches snow. A little ice on trees the morning of the 23rd, continued rather mild and last day of February was about 60 degrees.

**Johnson County, Iowa by Eli S. Bontrager**

We have had a lot of cold weather this winter, as much as 20 below zero several times. The ground is still white with snow here, but 30 miles south of here the ground is nearly bare.

Our 15 members of 80 years old and older are keeping fairly well this winter. Mrs. Noah (Ida) Kemp, 76, is ill with cancer at the Care Center in Washington, Iowa.

**Jamesport, Missouri by Amos W. Yoder**

We didn't have much snow through January and February, but had six mornings that it was below zero, the coldest being 16 below Jan. 15th. Had many nice sunny days, temperature was up to 70 February 28th and 29th. A few farmers have started to work in fields.

**Aylmer, Ontario by LeRoy Eicher**

February was warm and rainy part of the time. We also had a few cold snaps and some snow.



*Freust euch des Herrn.. Ps. 33:1*

**FISHER BOOK SCRIBE MEETING**

On February 12, 1972, approximately 32 of the 43 or so scribes for the New Fisher Book gathered at the John E. Lapp home, north of Intercourse to meet the editor, Janice Egeland, and also to receive a copy of the new book, which was presented to us by the editor and her assistant, Mary Ann Riehl. The editor seemed grateful for the good attendance, which was helped a lot by the nice weather we had for the occasion. We were especially pleased to have Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Hertzler with us from St. Mary's Co., Maryland.

The editor gave a very interesting talk on how she got started on this project; how it progressed and developed as time went on; the headaches, heartaches, and discouragements that accompanied the job, but also the enjoyment they got out of it. Proof-reading proved to be a very tedious part of the work, so much so that at times they would have been ready to throw up their hands and call it quits. But the thought of all the work done by so many people in preparation of it and the disappointment it would have been for so many, kept them toiling on. And the result of all their toil was the NEW FISHER BOOK, as we see it today.

Especially interesting was the way the books were presented to the scribes. Each one was presented separately with a message written in the book for that special person or scribe. I don't believe any two messages were exactly alike. It kept us wondering what comes next. It was surely a lot of planning and work on the part of the editor and her assistant to make the meeting interesting and to have everything in readiness for the event, as the books were delayed and only arrived the day before the meeting. We feel very grateful to the editor and her assistant for their perseverance in this long, tedious, drawn-out affair; for their patience under very trying circumstances, and last, but not least, for the final new book itself. The print is not the most desirable but it was the editor's object to keep the book smaller and the cost down, than it otherwise could have been. So let us try to bear with the editor and adjust to it. Perhaps a magnifying glass would help. In this way we will again say, "Thank you, Janice and Mary Ann. May the Lord richly reward you for all your labor."

Books went on sale Monday, February 14, and can be purchased at these places: Benjamin Esh Book Store, Monterey; Fisher's Store, Gordonville R1; Gordonville Book Store; and Kozy Kitchen Corner, Quarryville R3; also these individual sellers, Reuben Beiler, Leola R1; and John S. Fisher, 133 Buckwalter Rd., Lancaster, Pa.

by Lydia F. Beiler, Ronks, Pa.

February

August den 12<sup>ten</sup> 1971

Wertter Herr Stoltzfusy Da ich vor ein  
Zeitchen gerick 3 Bibeln erhalten habe, (besten  
Dank) so werde ich so schnell wie möglich  
nach Stadt fahren da eine Bank Scheck kaufen  
und es euch schicken, so bitte ich noch um  
ein waerig Gedulde. besten Gruß und Wohl-  
wunsch

Johann J. Loosan  
R. Casas Grandes apartach 95.  
Chih. Mex.

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Fr. Lupel Grandes  
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12/12/71

Ein Gräß zum vor.  
Ist jetzt auf das  
Geld für die 3 Bibeln  
Danke für die Ge-  
duld. Ich schreibe  
immer in ein Telefon  
6 Monat im Jahr, ich  
kann nicht weniger  
bis der Herr von  
einem Freund  
Johann J. Loosan

**REGINA HARTMANN**  
continued from page 40

Regina un die Barbara  
Sin wul verschont vum Mard,  
Doch reisst der Inschehaabtmann grob  
Die Kinner mit sich fart.

Un kummt die Mutter owets heem  
Mit ihrem aarme Kind,  
O, was en Schrecke wie sie so  
Verschteert die Heemet find!

Die Draene sin 're noch versaagt  
In ihrem schtumme Schmaerz;  
Sie wend sich weck as wie im Draam,  
Gebroche waar ihr Haerz.

Dann geht sie ruhich weiter fart--  
Verschwunde waar ihr Glick--  
Un ruhich weiter fliest im Daal  
Die Tulpehocke Grick.

Ee Yaahr um's anner ziegt in's Land,  
So dut die Zeit vergeh;  
Gnapps iss en scheener Summer do,  
Dann kummt der Winder Schnee.

Wie waar die Mutter draurich, sctill,  
Un ihre Haar so groh;  
"Wu doch mei aarme Kinner sin?"  
So denkt sie immer noh.

Der Inschegrieg waar nau verbei,  
Vergosse waar viel Blut,  
Die Insche waare schwer beschtroft  
Un g'falle waar der Hut.

Wie sie um Friede hen gebitt,  
Do waar ne aabefohle:  
"Erscht bringt ihr unser Kinner heom  
Was ihr im Grieg hen g'schtohle!"

Die Insche gehne gern druf ei;  
Un noch re karzi Weil  
Sin all die Kinner in Duquesne,  
Un schpaeter in Carlisle.

Wie des die Mutter Hartmann heert,  
Do fliesse sctill die Draene;  
Sie hofft nau kann sie endlich mol  
Die Kinner widder sehne.

Sie geht den lange, schwere Weg  
Mit ea noch annre Leit;  
Wu'n Mutter sucht fer'n liewes Kind,  
Do iss ken Weg zu weit.

Sie kummo endlich noch Carlisle  
Un gehn in's Raatsgebei;  
Soldade fiehro'n grossi Schaar  
Vun aarme Kinner rei.

En yedes hot vie'n Insch geguckt--  
Sie waarn gegleed in Ledder,  
Die G'sichter wie die blosse Aerm  
Waar'n brau vun allem Wedder.

Un waar Regina do debei--  
Verleicht die Barbara?  
Der Mutter waar ken eens bekannt--  
Was fangt sie doch yuscht aa?

Noch immer hofft sie, wie sie dann  
Vun eem zum anbre geht.  
Zu yedem saagt sie'n freindlich Wart,  
Ken eens as sie verschteht.

Die hen die Inscheschproch gelaernt  
Weil sie bei Insche waare;  
Sie hen ihr eegni Mutterschproch  
Schier ganz un gaar verlore.

O, was die Mutter heilt un glaagt!  
Wer helft re aus de Not?  
Do kummt Boquet, der Haaptmann, bei  
Un gebt re guder Rot:  
"Waer net verleicht en Maerrikmol,  
Wie Kinner edfers draage?  
Verleicht as eens dich kenne daet  
An dem was du daedscht saage?"

"Ach ya, ich weess an aldes Lied,"  
So saagt die Mutter glei;  
"Wer weess, sie kenne's noch verleicht  
Un fallt ne widder ei!"

"Allein und doch nicht ganz alleine,"  
Die Mutter Hartmann singt,  
"Bin ich in meiner Einsamkeit"--  
Wie des so draurich klingt!

Regina haart noch kaum des Lied,  
Do schpringt sie aa schun bei;  
"Wer singt mir so'n bekanntdi Weis?  
Des muss die Mutter sei!"

O was en Freed, mer hett geglaabt  
Ihr Haerz daet bal verschpring!  
Sie fallt der Mutter um der Hals,  
Dut weiter mit re singe:

"Denn wenn ich ganz verlassen scheine  
Vertreibt mir Jesus selbst die Zeit;  
Ich bin bei Ihm und Er bei mir,  
So kommt mir gar nichts einsam fuer."

Dann saagt die Mutter, " 'liewes Kind,  
Wie glicklich bin ich heit!  
Mein Jesus sei bei mir un dir  
In aller Ewigkeit!"

Doch ziegt am sanfte Mutterhaerz  
En dunkli Wolk verbei;  
Es fehlt yo noch die Barbara--  
Wu kann die Schweschter sei.

Ach ya, des weess der liewe Gott!  
 In all de viele Yaahre  
 Waar niemand as sie g'sehne hot:  
 Sie waar un bleibt verlore.

O, wie so oft, am helle Daag,  
 En draurich driewi Schtund;  
 O, wie so oft, in aller Freed,  
 Bleibt doch en diefi Wund!

Doch beet die Mutter schtill zu Gott  
 Un werd net 's Dankes mied;  
 Regina ruht am Mutterhaerz,  
 Vereinicht daerich en Lied.

Des waar vor hunnerd achzich Yaahr--  
 En langi Zeit zurick--  
 Un als noch fliest im schtille Daal  
 Die Tulpehocke Grick!

**REGINA, THE GERMAN CAPTIVE;**  
 or,  
**TRUE PIETY AMONG THE LOWLY.**

By REV. R. WEISER.

continued from last month

**Chapter II — Settlement in America**

John Hartman spent several weeks in Philadelphia, in the house of a German, until he could make inquiries as to the most advantageous location. He finally made up his mind to go to Reading, and from there to some point near the Blue Mountains. On Sabbath he went to church, and heard a most excellent sermon from Rev. Dr. H. M. Muhlenberg, in St. Michael's Church, which was then new, but is now one of the oldest churches in the land. He and his pious wife were anxious to converse with this good man; so they waited in the front part of the church until he came out, when they introduced themselves to him. He received them very kindly, and inquired about them, and gave them good advice. The short interview they had with him left a very favorable impression on their minds.

They had four children, all born in Germany,—viz.: George, so called after his paternal grandfather; Barbara, Regina, (which in Latin means a queen,) which was a fancy name, and Christian, the youngest, who was so called after the excellent old pastor of Reutlingen. These children were all dedicated to God in holy baptism, according to the usages of the Lutheran church. Thus, you see, Hartman had a heavy charge upon him; and, like a true Christian man, he felt all the weight of his responsibility. These children were his treasures, and he felt that they were immortal and accountable beings like himself; and he and his excellent wife prayed for their children and always set them a good and pious example.

They left Philadelphia about the last of June, with a farmer who had taken wheat to the city in a four-horse wagon. The farmer was to haul them to Heidelberg township, Berks county, near where the celebrated Indian interpreter, Conrad Weiser, lived;

for it was in that neighborhood where Mr. Schoener, the maternal uncle of John Hartman, had lived, some ten or fifteen years before, and he thought he might perhaps find some of his cousins. But he could not find either his uncle or any of his cousins. Some of the oldest inhabitants informed him that they had moved over the Blue Mountains. This was sad news to poor Hartman. Here he was in a strange land, among a strange people, with a large, dependent family, and his funds fast decreasing, and no prospects before him. But he was not easily discouraged: he trusted in God. He became acquainted with an old soldier who had passed much of his time in war and hunting, and who was extensively acquainted in Pennsylvania. This man advised him to cross the Blue Mountains at a pass which he pointed out. In a few days he and the old hunter went over the mountain. The country pleased Hartman very much. The wild mountain scenery reminded him of his own native land; and, as several German families already resided there, Hartman made up his mind to locate there. He selected a beautiful spot near where Orwigsburg, in Schuylkill county, now stands. It was indeed a beautiful country. There were the tall forest-trees and the pure sparkling streams, and plenty of game, such as deer, bears, wild turkeys, rabbits, squirrels, and other animals. The land, too, would cost him nothing but a few shillings to have it patented. He returned and purchased himself an old wagon and two horses, for twenty-seven pounds six shillings and eightpence; the gears were thrown into the bargain. He also purchased such other things as he needed, and on a bright and lovely morning he started off with his interesting family. In two days they reached their new home. The children were much pleased with the journey. When they crossed the Blue Mountains—poor things!—they thought they were in Germany and on the Black Forest. The roads were very rough and hilly, and frequently John Hartman had to cut an opening through the dense forest for the passage of the wagon. The first night they had to camp out, and were much disturbed by the howling of the wolves and the barking of foxes. But they fared well; Hartman shot five or six gray squirrels, and they had cooking-utensils with them, and bread and butter and salt; so they made an excellent meal. And at night, after having committed themselves into God's care, they went to bed in the wagon, which was covered, and slept sweetly till morning. Soon after a hearty breakfast, they started again, and reached their future home about five o'clock in the afternoon. They halted near a large spring, where the pure, fresh, and sparkling water welled up in great profusion. "Here," says John Hartman, "here is our home. Here we will, in the name of the Lord, pitch our tent." This is a lovely little valley with lofty mountains all around, with here and there a gap through which the waters found their way to the plains below. John Hartman's plans were all made, and well made too. He could handle the axe and the saw; and, although he was no professed mechanic, he could turn his hand to almost anything. He had plenty of timber, and there was a

saw-mill some three miles off. The land right round the spring was bare of timber; it was a kind of natural glade, and contained an abundance of excellent grass. The first evening was spent in making known his plans to his family for the future. After supper, they sang that beautiful German evening hymn beginning

"Herr, der du mir das Leben  
Bis diessen Tag gegeben,  
Dich bet' ich kindlich an!  
Ich bin viel zu geringe  
Der Treue, die ich singe  
Und die du heut' an mir gethan!"

This hymn was sung by the whole family as they sat around the dying embers of the fire that had cooked their supper; and the profound solitude of those primeval forests was broken for the first time by the voice of singing and prayer. Hartman and his family felt safe. God is everywhere,—as well in those wild and romantic scenes as in the populous city; this was the sentiment of Hartman.

The children, however, often asked for the house. "Where is our house?" "How are we to live here?" "What will we do when it rains? when the cold winter comes?" To all these questions Hartman had but one answer; and that was, "Only wait a while, children, and you will see." When they lay down the first night in their new home, they were very much disturbed by the howling of wolves and the barking of foxes, but at length they all fell asleep, and slept till morning. In the morning the sun arose clear and bright, but to the Hartman family it seemed to rise in the wrong place. Regina thought it was owing to the fact that they were on the other side of the world. Hartman went to the saw-mill, and bought a load of slabs and a few boards, and by the third evening had a pretty good shanty put up. And the industrious and judicious wife soon had her little household matters put in order. Hartman made a table by boring four holes in a wide slab and putting legs in; and he also made two long benches in the same way. And thus things soon began to look like home. George, too, was a great help to his father; and Barbara and Regina assisted their mother in household affairs. They were as happy as any children could be. Hartman bought himself a couple of cows, and the man he bought them from made him a present of a half-grown puppy. George, who had gone with his father for the cows, tied a string around his neck and led him home. All the children were delighted with the dog. A great question now arose:—"What shall the dog be called?" Some were for calling him Bull, some Penny, some Silly; but at length they all agreed with a suggestion of the mother that his name should be Wasser; and Wasser was his name; and a noble dog he became, as the future will show. Henceforth Wasser was a part and parcel of the family. He partook in all the plays and enjoyments of the children, and rendered important service to the family in helping to secure game.

Wasser drove the wolves and foxes away, protected the poultry, and made himself useful in many ways. The children were all so fond of the dog that little Christian wanted to have him sleep with him;

but this the parents would not permit.

Wasser once had the temerity to attack a large bear, and was near losing his life, for the bear tore him almost apart, and it was a long time before the wound healed. After that, Wasser would not attack a bear, but, when he found one, would only bark until some one would come and shoot his prize. Hartman and his son George next built a stable for the cattle, then got logs ready to build a better house, then made fence and got ready for the fall-sowing. But we have not time now to dwell on all the particulars. Let it be enough to say that Hartman prospered greatly. Here, in this romantic and retired spot, they lived and were happy for several years. Their neighbors were a few German families, and a few friendly Indians, who had come from Shamokin, where the celebrated missionary, David Brainard, had preached a few years before, and from which place he returned sick to the house of President Edwards, in Northampton, and died. Although these poor Indians were not truly converted to God, yet they had heard enough of the gospel to know that they had immortal souls and that they dare not injure their fellow-men. They could speak a little German, too, which they had learned from the Moravian missionaries, who sometimes visited those parts.

Here, then, almost in solitude, this interesting family lived in the service of God and in the constant practice of those virtues that will make us happy. Morning and evening constantly witnessed their beautiful singing and their fervent prayers. Still, the parents could not but think often of their dear native land, and the land that contained the ashes of their fathers! Mr. Hartman was an energetic, industrious, pious, and intelligent man, and his wife was an amiable and exemplary Christian.

They had both been carefully instructed in the principles of the Christian religion according to the time-honored usages of the Lutheran church. They were well acquainted with her doctrines; and, although they were not extensively read in polemics, yet they knew that the doctrines of the Lord's supper, as taught in the Lutharen church, were not the same that were taught in the Roman Catholic church. They believed in the Catechism and in the Augsburg Confession; but they did not believe either in transubstantiation, nor in consubstantiation, nor in impanation. They had perhaps never heard those terms; but they believed—and felt it too—that the Lord Jesus is present in the holy supper. It was enough for them to know that every time they partook of the sacred emblems of the broken body and shed blood of the Son of God, they were strengthened and refreshed in their souls. This was enough for them.

And as to holy baptism, they believed that it was an ordinance of God, and that all the children of Christian parents should be baptized. But they never were taught to believe—and they never found it taught in the Bible—that baptism was regeneration; but on the contrary, they knew that they had been baptized in their infancy, and yet well recollect the time when they were not in a state of regeneration. They

knew, too, by sad and bitter—and yet happy—experience, that all men, whether baptized or not, must be born again.

Their theological library consisted of—1. The Bible.—a great, large Bible,—with the pictures of the dukes of Saxony in front, and the Augsburg Confession in the back part. 2. The good old Wittenbergische Gesang Buch, (or large Lutheran Hymn-Book, Published at Wittenberg.) 3. Arndt's True Christianity. 4. Starke's Prayer-Book. 5. A volume of sermons, by Henry Schubert, then just published; and a Hundred-Year Almanac. Yes, they also had a German A B C book, but it was in a very dilapidated condition; still, the children could learn to read in it. This was the whole literary treasure they had. The Lutheran Catechism was lost; and on one occasion, when Hartman went over the mountains for salt and iron, he called on the Rev. Nicholas Kurtz at Tulpehocken, and got a new one. This library, though small, was a good one;—so good, indeed, that any man who had never seen another book or never heard a sermon preached could have found his way to heaven by its teaching. Schubert's excellent sermons were on the Churches, Gospels, and Epistles, and were read every Sabbath by John Hartman to his family, except on those few Sabbaths that he and his wife went to church, which generally took them two days. They had some twenty-two miles to go to a church, which stood at the eastern foot of the Blue Mountains; I think it was near the place where Rehrersburg now stands.

Thus this good man lived for some time and walked with God. He had a good farm; and, being industrious and frugal, he had every thing in plenty around him. In Germany, he had hard work to get as much coarse black bread as he needed, and meat—he could get none; here he had plenty of fine wheat bread, and as much meat and other things as he wanted. In Germany, by the unjust laws, (laws there are only made to favor the king and the nobility,) he was not permitted to fish in the waters nor to hunt in the forests, and, as he had no money to spare, he had to deny himself these luxuries; but here, in America, he could go to the streams and catch the beautiful speckled trout whenever he pleased. He had learned the use, too, of the rifle; and many a sturdy buck and shaggy bear fell beneath his well-directed aim. Though they had every thing of a worldly nature that heart could wish, yet they often felt sad and lonely; for they remembered Zion, and wept. They both longed for the courts of the Lord's house; but no sweet-toned bell ever broke the deep solitude of their secluded retreat. They heard nothing but the howling of the wolves and the distant sound of the waterfalls.

One beautiful Sabbath morning in autumn, when nature was arrayed in her habiliments of decay and the forests clothed in purple and gold, John Hartman was sitting on a bench, under a grape-bower before his door, in a deep mood, looking at the falling leaves and sadly thinking of other days. His wife had been busy with her household affairs. When she was done, she came out and sat by his side, and, perceiving that sad and gloomy thoughts were struggling in his

breast, she thus addressed him:—"My dear husband, what makes you look so sad?" "Oh," he replied, "I am just thinking about the fatherland. This is the Sabbath. I was just thinking that the people at Reutlingen are now going to church; and here we are, far from the courts of the Lord. I thought I heard the sweet sound of the bell on the old stone church; but it was only imagination. Bring the Bible here." She went in and brought it. He read the eighty-fourth Psalm. This psalm is not in German as it is in English. I think it is better, and certainly plainer, in German. Literally translated from the German, it reads thus:—

"1. How amiable (or lovely) are thy habitations, O Lord of hosts!

"2. My soul longeth and anxiously looketh for the courts of the Lord: my body and soul rejoice in the living God.

"3. For the bird has found a house, and the swallow has found her nest, where she can hatch her young ones,—even thine altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God!

"4. Blessed are those who dwell in thine house! they praise thee continually. Sela.

"5. Blessed are those persons who hold thee for their strength, and who follow thee from their hearts.

"6. Those who pass through the vale of sorrow, and make therein springs of water and the teachers, shall be favored with many blessings, or (more literally) ornamented with many blessings.

"7. They achieve one victory after the other, so that one must see that the true God is in Zion.

"8. O Lord of hosts, hear my prayer! give ear, O God of Jacob! Sela.

"9. God our shield, behold us, look upon the kingdom of thy anointed.

"10. For one day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be the door-keeper in the house of my God, than to live a long time in the tents of the wicked.

"11. For the Lord God is a sun and a shield; the Lord gives grace and glory; he will withhold no good thing from the pious.

"12. O Lord of hosts, blessed is that man who puts his trust in thee."

This beautiful psalm gave them great comfort. It was just suited to their condition, and they could understand it, especially the seventh verse,—"Those who pass through the vale of sorrow, and make therein springs of water, and the teachers," (or those who teach others,) "shall be ornamented with grace." This was the meaning Hartman gave it, and it was the right one. It would require a good deal of holy ingenuity for a person not acquainted with the Hebrew to gather much comfort from the English version:—"Who passing through the valley of Baca make it a well; the rain also filleth the pools."

"John, John," said the pious wife, "you must not despise with such glorious promises. We are in the path of duty; and, although we cannot visit the house of God as often as we wish, yet we have his holy word, and we can worship the God of our fathers

even here in this wilderness. God is here too; look up at his great arched temple above. Let us only be faithful, and bring up our dear children in the fear and nurture of the Lord! We have promised to do this at their baptism."

"I know it," John replied; "and that is the thing that troubles me most. There is George and Barbara are now old enough to attend a course of catechetical lectures, or" (as he called it) "to go to the minister. Well, well," says John, "they shall go next Easter. I will send them over the Blue Mountains to Parson Kurtz."

This determination seemed to satisfy him. John Hartman felt that the responsibilities he assumed, when he had his children baptized, were not fully discharged until his children were fully instructed in religion, and until they took the baptismal vows upon themselves in confirmation. This was the only significance he could see in infant baptism. He could see no advantage in wicked, unconverted people having their children baptized. Hence, an old, bearded man, who lived in the same valley, and who was very fond of controversy, could make nothing out of Hartman in an argument on infant baptism. The old bearded man, who was a Dunkard, rejected sprinkling and infant baptism; but Hartman insisted upon both, and, with his clear and scriptural view, he had no difficulty in overcoming his opponent. But he had determined that his two oldest children, George and Barbara, were to go to catechize, and he felt quite relieved. His wife, too, was delighted with the suggestion. It was not merely to learn the letter of the catechism that they were to go to the minister, for they had both committed it to memory, (and even little Regina could say the Lord's Prayer, and the creed, and the small questions;) but they were to go in order to learn its spirit, and, by the prayers and exhortations of the good pastor, to be converted to God. They wanted their children to feel and know that they were lost and ruined sinners, and that nothing but the blood of Christ could save them. They had been awakened and converted under similar circumstances in Germany; and their good old pastor, before they left Reutlingen, had told them that the Lutheran church in America was the same as that in Germany. He knew Pastor Nuhlenberg in Philadelphia, for he had seen him at Halle, and also at Grosshennersdorf, where he (then Deacon Muhlenberg) was superintendent of an orphan asylum. "You may depend upon it," says the old pastor. "all those Lutheran preachers in America who go with Pastor Muhlenberg are the right kind of Lutherans."

This was a source of great comfort to Hartman and his wife, that, though they left their native country, they would not have to leave their church, for that church, thank God! was transplanted to this Western world a number of years before the storms of infidelity and rationalism which, unfortunately, overran the mother church in after-ages.

As it was the Sabbath, Mrs. Hartman proposed that they would now go into the house and hold their worship. The children all assembled; even the little

Christian knew his place, on the little block in the great chimney-corner; and, after having read a chapter from the Bible, they sang that beautiful hymn, beginning—

"Allein und doch nicht gantz allein bin ich."  
which is, in English,—

"Alone, and not alone, am I,  
Though in this solitude so drear;  
I feel my Savior always nigh;  
He comes the weary hours to cheer.  
I am with him, and he with me,  
E'en here alone I cannot be."

This beautiful hymn was a favorite hymn with Mrs. Hartman. She generally sang it when her husband was away. The children had also learned it, and Regina often sang it herself; and you will see, in the following pages, one of the most thrillingly-interesting scenes in the whole history of true piety, connected with Regina and this hymn. The singing and prayers cheered up the hearts of those pious emigrants, and they went on their way rejoicing. Thus their solitude was sweetened by religion; they loved, feared, and worshipped God, and God, according to his promise, comforted them in their exile. Their family devotions were never omitted; family prayer was no task to them, but a pleasure and a delight. They were truly a happy family; the light of God's countenance shone upon them. Every thing in their hands seemed to prosper. They had a few German neighbors; and a few friendly Indians occasionally visited them, and always shared the hospitality of their house. But the children, especially Regina, were always afraid of them; they looked so ugly, in their moccasins and dirty blankets, and the great brass rings they had in their ears.

Thus the Hartman family moved on, for sometime, with nothing to mar their peace; but, when affliction did come, it came like a terrible storm.

to be continued

Chapter III — Life in the New Home



*Nun aber ist Christus  
auferstanden von den  
totten... 1 Cor : 5:20*

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EASTER. — The term Easter is derived from the Saxon OSTER, "to rise," and it is supposed, was first observed by the immediate successors of the Apostles about 68. Some however attribute its first observance to the Apostles themselves in commemoration of the resurrection of the Saviour. It is a moveable feast, occurring at any time between March 21st and April 25th, and all other moveable feasts throughout the ecclesiastical year are regulated by it. It answers to the Pascha or Passover of the Hebrews, and many nations still give it that name, although it seldom happens that the Christian and Jewish festivals are observed on the same day.

# The Hour Glass

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## PEARLS OF LIFE

One afternoon, many years ago, a pleasantfaced man came into our schoolroom. We can remember but little of his appearance, except the sweet smile that played about his lips and that seemed to spread out all over his face as he spoke. Our teacher requested him to talk to us a little while. He complied, and his words have been as treasured jewels ever since. We think that the bright smile and the calm winning voice had much to do with our remembering them so distinctly. This was his speech:

"Would it not please you, dear little ones, to pick up strings of pearls, drops of gold and diamonds, as you pass along the street? It would make you happy, I know, to do so. And you may do it, but you ask me how? I will tell you. By dropping sweet words, kind actions, and pleasant smiles, as you pass along. These are the true pearls and precious stones. Speak to that poor orphan child; see! the diamond drops from her cheek. Take the hand of that friendless boy —bright pearls flash from his eyes; smile on the sad and careworn, a joy suffuses the cheek, more brilliant than the most precious gems. Try it, dear children, and you will feel happier when resting on your pillow at the close of the day, than if you had picked up a score of the glistening jewels. The brightness of one will fade while the brilliancy of the other will grow brighter and brighter with the years of our lives."

## MENNO SIMON

Among the great reformers of the sixteenth century, there was none whose character and life shines with brighter lustre than that of Menno Simon. Though occupying in the general history of the church only an obscure place, and estimated by many writers of church-history as one, whose life was of but little significance, none can deny that Menno Simon was a man of strong intellect, of untiring energy, and the most immovable firmness in that which he conceived to be his duty, and in which he was convinced that he was right; and that his influence for good was probably as great as that of any man of his age. He possessed a strong faith, and in the performance of his duty as a follower of Jesus and a preacher of the blessed gospel of Christ, he manifested such a meekness of Spirit, such an earnest zeal, yet withall such an unwavering courage that his equal is scarcely to be found.



To be a Christian at the present time, is to some extent, at least, honorable, even in the eyes of the world, though trials and difficulties often meet us in the way; yet compared with the time in which Menno Simon lived, and in which the ana-baptists were looked upon as intolerable and flagitious heretics, it is comparatively an easy matter.

MENNO SIMON was born in the year 1496,\* in the village of Witmarsum, near Bolswerp, in Friesland, the most northerly province of the Netherlands.

Of his parentage, his education, and his early life in general, we know nothing. But according to his own account, he took upon himself the duties of a priest, in his father's village, called Pingum, in the year 1524, being then in the 28th year of his age. After spending some time in this situation, he was brought, by the grace of God, to reflect upon the course of his life, and also upon the duties and practices devolving upon him as priest. He then commenced to read the scriptures, which, like many others of his time, he had never done previously. He soon found that he was in error, and through much reflection, prayers and many conflicts, he was finally brought, by the grace of God, to a true knowledge of the truth, and, as he himself says, enabled to forsake all his sinful abominations and the follies of his life, and submit willingly to the cross of Christ.

"Behold thus," says he, "my reader, the God of mercy, through the benign influence of his grace exerted upon me in my heart, a miserable sinner, produced in me a new mind, humbled me in his fear, taught me to know myself in part, turned me from the way of death and graciously called me into the narrow path of life, to the communion of his saints. To him be praise for ever more."

After he had thus come to a new life in Christ and exercised himself secretly in reading and writing in the word of God, six or seven, or eight persons, who, in matters of faith, were of the same mind with him,

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\*It is stated by some writers, that Menno Simon was born in the year 1495; which does not quite agree with his own writings. If he became a priest in 1524, when he was in his 28th year, he must have been born in 1496. He died on the 13th of January 1561, in the 66th year of his age, which, if he was born in the beginning of the year, also agrees with this calculation.

came to him and requested him to preach the Gospel; which call, after earnest prayer and a firm conviction of duty, he accepted, and began with the greatest earnestness to declare the word of God in its purity, and to gather together the scattered sheep, which, without a shepherd had wandered here and there, and led them again into the green pastures of Christ.

As already stated, Menno Simon was one of the most zealous teachers of his days, and so well versed was he in the scriptures, and so powerful in his arguments, that none of his opponents ever ventured to meet him in open discussion, though several times earnestly invited to do so. Through his blessed instructions, his christlike exhortations, and the operating power of the Most-High, he was the means of drawing and converting great multitudes from darkness unto the living God. From this cause his opponents became the more embittered against him, and in order to destroy his power and influence, they issued against him in the year 1543 a terrible and bloody edict, which contained an offer of general pardon the favor of the emperor, the freedom of the country and a hundred carls gulden (Gold Crowns) to any malefactors or murderers who would deliver Menno Simon into the hands of the criminal judge. They also had a portrait of his person taken, and posted the same to the doors and in public places, and had the above decree proclaimed throughout all West Friesland. Those also, who in any wise showed him favor, were very unmercifully dealt with. A man named TIJART REYNERTS, was arrested and brought to Leuwarden, because he had secretly harbored Menno in his house, and for this act of kindness and mercy to one in great danger and distress, he was cruelly condemned to the wheel and executed, though his bitterest enemies bore testimony that he was a pious man.

Though the enemies of Menno were tyranical beyond measure, and persecuted him with the greatest bitterness, and sought in every possible way to destroy his life, yet the great and omnipotent God watched over him and preserved him; even against the surest expectations of his enemies. He protected him in the most wonderful manner, so that they could not accomplish their evil and bloody designs against him.

A certain traitor, who felt sure of accomplishing his purpose, had agreed, for a specified sum, either to deliver the pious Menno into the hands of his enemies, or to lose his own life. He had particularly informed himself of the place where Menno was, and took special pains to have everything arranged in such a manner, that escape would be impossible, yet failed in his undertaking, while Menno in a most wonderful manner made his escape.

It seems that he first attempted to apprehend him at a meeting, in which he failed of success. Soon after this the traitor, in company with the officer whom he had taken with him on purpose to arrest him, unexpectedly met Menno in a small boat on the canal. The traitor kept still until Menno had passed them some distance and leaped ashore, in order to escape with less danger, when he cried out, "Behold,

the bird has escaped!" The officer chastized him, and called him a villain, and demanded why he had not told him in time; to which the traitor replied, "I could not speak, for my tongue was bound." The Lords were so displeased at this, that they punished the traitor severely—a warning and a lesson to all bloodthirsty traitors.

Though Menno did not become discouraged, he, after continuing his arduous labors for some time longer under these dangerous and trying circumstances, in which he was continually in danger of his life, finally felt himself pressed to leave his native country, the Netherlands, and flee to Wismar, now in the Grand Duchy of Mecklenburg. But here also he could not long remain, as the severe persecutions which he had to endure, soon made it necessary for him to leave.

Without being deterred through these severe persecutions, he only became the more confirmed in his purposes, but notwithstanding distressed in his mind as to whether he should turn his face in order to find security, he made his way to the Grand Duchy of Holstein, in Denmark, as he had heard, that several of his brethren in the faith, were permitted to dwell in Friesenburg, near Oldeslo. At Friesenburg he was received with his family and found protection and rest. The noble Lord of Friesenburg, who, during the time of those fearful persecutions of the Anabaptists, had served in the army in the Netherlands, and there had become better acquainted with the principles and doctrines of Menno, and by these means was led to favor Menno, and permitted him, not only to dwell in peace and continued security, at Friesenburg, but also to preach his doctrines and principles undisturbed, and to establish a printing office for the purpose of printing his writings, and thus the more extensively promulgate the truth, which he so earnestly and boldly advocated.

From this time forward the teachings of Menno came into more general circulation, and the various governments who were impartial in the matter, began to see the false and unjust accusations which were brought against him, and thus in the course of time, the severe persecutions against him ceased. The power of the truth opened the eyes of many, and, by the grace of God, caused a great reformation in many places; though he did not employ the power of force, or arms, neither did he have the power or the influence of kings and emperors in his favor, but operated and defended himself alone with the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God (Eph. 6:17.), until he finally triumphed over all his bitter persecutions, and was permitted to live in peace in the village of Wuestenfeld, near Luebeck, unto the end of his eventful life, which occurred on the 13th of January in 1561, when in the 66th year of his age, it pleased the merciful Father, to release the weary pilgrim and faithful defender of the truth from the sorrows of earth, and take him to the brighter abodes of eternal rest.

Those who have walked uprightly shall enter into peace; they "shall rest in their beds, each one walking in his uprightness."

**From FAMILY ALMANAC, 1871  
THE LAST DANCE.**

During the occupancy of the City of Moscow by the French army, a party of officers and soldiers determined to have a military levee, and for this purpose chose the deserted palace of a nobleman. That night the city was set on fire. As the sun went down they began to assemble. The women who followed the fortunes of the French army were decorated for the occasion. The gayest and noblest of the army were there, and merriment reigned over the crowd.

During the dance the fire rapidly approached them; they saw it coming, but felt no fear. At length the building next the one they occupied was on fire. Coming to the windows, they gazed upon the billows of fire which swept the city, and then returned to their amusements. Again and again they left their pleasures to watch the progress of the flames. At length the dance ceased, and the necessity of leaving the scene of merriment became apparent to all. They were enveloped in a flood of fire, and gazed on with deep and awful solemnity.

At last the fire, communicating to their own building, caused them to prepare for flight, when a young officer, named Carnot, waved his jeweled hand above his head, and exclaimed: "One dance more, and defiance to the flames." All caught the enthusiasm of the moment, and "One dance more, and defiance to the flames," burst from the lips of all. The dance commenced; louder and louder grew the sound of music and faster and faster fell the patterning footsteps of dancing men and women, when suddenly they heard a cry: "The fire has reached the magazine! Fly—fly for your life!" One moment they stood transfixed with terror; they did not know the magazine was there, and ere they recovered from their stupor the vault exploded; the building was shattered to pieces, and the dancers hurried into a fearful eternity.

Thus will it be in the final day. Men will be as careless as these ill-fated revelers—yea, there are thousands and tens of thousands as careless now. We speak to them of death, the grave, judgement, and eternity. They pause a moment in their search for pleasure, but soon dash into the world and its forgetfulness as before. God's hand is laid on them in sickness, but no sooner are they restored than they forget it all, and hurry on. Death enters their homes, and the cry is heard, "Prepare to meet thy God!" but soon, like Carnot, they say, "One dance more, and defiance to the flames," and hurry on. The spirit of the living God speaks powerfully home to their hearts, and they shake, tremble, and are amazed; but earth casts its spell around them, and sings to them its songs, and with the cry, "time enough," "by and by" they speed on, stifling the voice, till often, ere days or months have passed, the bolt has sped, the sword has descended, the Judge has come, and the soul is lost forever—lost! Lost!! LOST!!

"Then haste, sinner, haste, there is mercy for thee,  
And wrath is preparing—flee, lingerer, flee!"

**From FAMILY ALMANAC, 1871  
RULES FOR HOME EDUCATION.**

The following rules we commend to all our patrons and friends, for their excellencies, brevity and practical utility. They are worthy of being printed in letters of gold, and being placed in a conspicuous position in every household. It is lamentable to contemplate the mischief, misery, and ruin which are the legitimate fruits of those deficiencies which are pointed out in these rules to which we have reference.—Let every parent and guardian read, ponder and inwardly digest

1. From your children's earliest infancy inculcate the necessity of instant obedience.

2. Unite firmness with gentleness. Let your children always understand that you mean what you say.

3. Never promise them anything unless you are quite sure that you can give them what you say.

4. If you tell a little child to do something, show him how to do it, and see that it is done.

5. Always punish your children for wilfully disobeying you, but never punish them in anger.

6. Never let them perceive that they can vex you or make you lose your self-command.

7. If they give way to petulance and ill-temper, wait till they are calm, and then gently reason with them on the impropriety of their conduct.

8. Remember that a little present punishment, when the occasion arises, is much more effectual than the threatening of a greater punishment should the fault be renewed.

9. Never give your children anything because they cry for it.

10. On no account allow them to do at one time what you have forbidden, under the same circumstances at another.

11. Teach them that the only sure and easy way to appear good, is to be good.

12. Accustom them to make their little recitals with perfect truth.

13. Never allow of tale-bearing.

14. Teach them self-denial, and not to indulge in an angry and resentful spirit.

If the rules were reduced to practice—daily practice—by parents and guardians, how much misery would be prevented—how many in danger of ruin would be saved—how largely would the happiness of a thousand domestic circles be augmented! It is lamentable to see how extensive is parental neglect, and to witness the bad and dreadful consequence in the ruin of thousands.

**To Recall a Few Memories of the Past**

**THE RIEHL FAMILY**

The family of John and Levina (Yoder) Riehl is being continued from previous issues.

submitted by Amos L. Fisher

RECORD NO 31

## FAMILY RECORD

**DAVID MAST**

OF

AND

**ADA E. KENNEL**

BORN March 17, 1876 AT Berlin Twp, Holmes Co., O.

MARRIED February 25, 1904 AT Buena Vista, Lancaster County, Pa.

DIED AT

SEE RECORD NO

NAME	BORN	AGE	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	AGE	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	BIRTH	NAME	NAME	NAME	SEE RECORD NO
Earl Charles	March 24, 1905	BORN	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	BORN	AT	NOTED	NOTED	10
Olive Mildred	January 9, 1909	MARRIED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	MARRIED	AT	NOTED	NOTED	
Ruth Fern	March 5, 1910	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	AT	NOTED	NOTED	
Extreme H.	November 26, 1912	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	AT	NOTED	NOTED	
NAME	MARRIED	AT	MARRIAGES	MARRIAGES	MARRIAGES	MARRIED	AT	MARRIAGES	MARRIAGES	MARRIED	AT	MARRIAGES	MARRIAGES	

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RECORD NO 32

## FAMILY RECORD

**JOHN E. YOST**

OF

AND

**KATIE E. KENNEL**

BORN December 16, 1871 AT Leacock Twp, Lancaster Co., Pa.

MARRIED February 3, 1909 AT Buena Vista, Lancaster County, Pa.

DIED AT

SEE RECORD NO

NAME	BORN	AGE	YEARS	MONTHS	DAYS	BIRTH	NAME	NAME	NAME	SEE RECORD NO
Ray Samuel	November 11, 1909	Leacock Twp, Lancaster Co., Pa.	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	AT	NOTED	NOTED	10
Roy John.	July 5, 1912	"	"	"	"	"	AT	NOTED	NOTED	
Sadie Mae	January 12, 1914	Sadsbury Twp, Chester Co., Pa.	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	NOTED	AT	NOTED	NOTED	
NAME	MARRIED	AT	MARRIAGES	MARRIAGES	MARRIAGES	MARRIED	AT	MARRIAGES	MARRIAGES	

**RECORD NO. 33 FAMILY RECORD**

**CHRISTIAN D. KENNEL** OF  
AND

BORN August 9, 1886 AT Lancaster County, Pa.  
MARRIED November 11, 1909 AT Philadelphia, Pa.

AT

**SEE RECORD No. 10**

NAME	BORN	AT	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	SEE RECORD NO.
Elmer F.	May 20, 1910	Salisbury Twp, Lancaster Co., Pa.	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	BIRTHS	NAME	BORN	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	SEE RECORD NO.
Dorothy Mae	April 16, 1913	Salisbury Twp, Chester Co., Pa.	AT			AT		AT	AT			NOTE NUMBER

**RECORD NO. 34 FAMILY RECORD**

**JOHN E. KENNEL** AND

BORN May 12, 1890 AT Lancaster County, Pa.

MARRIED July 2, 1910 AT Gap, Lancaster County, Pa.

AT

**SEE RECORD No. 10**

NAME	BORN	AT	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	SEE RECORD NO.
Calvin S.	January 20, 1911	Salisbury Twp, Lancaster Co., Pa.	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	BIRTHS	NAME	BORN	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	SEE RECORD NO.
Edith Barbara	March 5, 1912	"	AT			AT		AT	AT			NOTE NUMBER
Alta M.	August 21, 1913	"	AT			AT		AT	AT			NOTE NUMBER
Elinora	September 18, 1914	"	AT			AT		AT	AT			NOTE NUMBER
NAME	MARRIED	AT	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	MARRIAGES	TO	OF	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	SEE RECORD NO.

**ANNA M. SUMMERS**

BORN December 29, 1889 AT Conestoga Twp, Lancaster Co., Pa.

BY Rev. C. M. Brackbill.

AT

**SEE RECORD No. 10**

NAME	BORN	AT	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	SEE RECORD NO.
Calvin S.	January 20, 1911	Salisbury Twp, Lancaster Co., Pa.	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	BIRTHS	NAME	BORN	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	SEE RECORD NO.
Edith Barbara	March 5, 1912	"	AT			AT		AT	AT			NOTE NUMBER
Alta M.	August 21, 1913	"	AT			AT		AT	AT			NOTE NUMBER
Elinora	September 18, 1914	"	AT			AT		AT	AT			NOTE NUMBER
NAME	MARRIED	AT	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	MARRIAGES	TO	OF	AGE	YEARS,	MONTHS,	SEE RECORD NO.

RECORD No. 35

## FAMILY RECORD

**SAMUEL H. KENNEL** AND **EMMA E. EASH**

BORN September 1889 at Lancaster County, Pa.  
MARRIED April 12, 1914, AT Shelbyville, Illinois,  
DIED AT

AGED - MONTHS, - DAYS.  
SEE RECORD No. 10.

NAME	BORN	AT	REF. NO.	BIRTHS.	NAME	BORN	AT	REF. NO.
Melvin E.	February 4, 1912	Sadsbury Twp. Lancaster Co., Pa.						
Lydia	March 3, 1913.	Sadsbury Twp. Chester Co., Pa.						

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RECORD No. 36

## FAMILY RECORD

**MOSES R. MILLER** AND **REBECCA KING**

BORN September 1856 at Baltimore County, Md.  
MARRIED January 1888 at Cass County, Missouri,  
DIED June 23, 1920 at Johnson County, Mo.

AGED - MONTHS, - DAYS.  
SEE RECORD No. 7.

NAME	BORN	AT	REF. NO.	BIRTHS.	NAME	BORN	AT	REF. NO.
Viola.	March 27, 1889	near Hartford, Lyon Co., Mo.						

RECORD No. 37

## FAMILY RECORD

**DANIEL HORST WANNER** AND **BERTHA ELVINA WARFEL**

BORN August 30, 1880, AT  
MARRIED February 3, 1910, AT Baltimore County, Md.,  
DIED AT

AGED - MONTHS, - DAYS.  
SEE RECORD No. 19.

NAME	BORN	AT	REF. NO.	BIRTHS.	NAME	BORN	AT	REF. NO.
Martha Leanna	July 7, 1911							
Henry Dunlap	December 17, 1912							

Submitted by Allan G. Keyser, Schwenksville, Pa.  
Ballaade  
REGINA HARTMANN

Schun meh wie hunnerd achtzich Yaahr--  
En langi Zeit zurick--  
Do fliessst im scheene, schtille Daal  
Die Tulpehocke Grick.

Un an de Grick do waar en Haus  
In sel're alde Zeit,  
Es waar en Blockhaus, aarm un glee,  
Buwohnt vun Bauersleit.

Der Hannes Hartmann und dei Fraa,  
Zwee Buwe un zwee Maed;  
Die Kinner waarn gedrei un gut,  
De Eldre ihre Freed.

Doch eens abbadich waar beliebt,  
Regina hot sie g'heesse;  
So freinlich wie der Sunneschein,  
En fromm un Himmlisch Wese.

Die Mutter hot schun an de Wieg  
Dem Kind so gern als g'sunge;  
Regina schlafet so ruhich ei  
Un's Lied hot noch geklunge.

Un wie des Maedel greesser waar,  
Do hot sie's Lied gekennt;  
Sie singt die Warde un die Weis  
Vum Aafang bis an's End:

"Allein und doch nicht ganz alleine,"  
So wie's im G'sangbuch schteht,  
"Bin ich in meiner Einsamkeit."  
Un wie's noch weiter geht.

Un waer die Aerwet noch so schwer,  
Do waer Familienglick;  
Un ruhich fliessst im schtille Daal  
Die Tulpehocke Grick.

Mol geht die Mutter nooch de Michl  
Mit ihrem yingschte Bu;  
Die annre bleiwe all deheim,  
Do waer so viel zu duh.

Regina un die Barbara,  
Sie schaffe drin im Haus;  
Der Wasser, dreier Hund im Hof,  
Er halt sich vanne drauss.

Der Vatter Hartmann, drauss im Feld,  
Schafft fleissich an der Soot;  
Un wann ihm Gott der Sege schenkt,  
Dann gebt's aa widder Brot.

Doch mit dem Friede, mit dem Glick,  
Waar's all zu g'schwind verbei;  
So wie'n gewitterschwei Wolk,  
So brecht des Unglick rei.

Uf eemol fliegt, wie'n heller Blitz,  
En Inschepeil do haer;  
Der Hartman losst die Aerwet sei  
Un greift nooch seim Gewehr.

Der Inscheschwaarm rollt iwwer's Feld  
Im wilde Wutgeraas;  
Der Hartman schiesst mit sichter Hand,  
Der Vedderscht beissst in's Graas.

Doch was iss einer bei so viel?  
Sie brause uf ihn drei;  
En Beil hot in der Luft gezuckt,  
Dann waar's mit ihm verbei.

Un wie er dann sei Blut vergiesst--  
Zum Himmel schwebt sei Blick--  
Do fliessst noch immer dart im Daal  
Die Tulpehocke Grick.

Es seifzt der Wind so daerrich die Baem,  
Un's Laab iss g'faert mit Rot,  
Es geht en Schauder daerrich die Welt,  
Der Hartmann find der Dod.

Un weiter yaagt des Inscheevolk,  
Wie Welf in blinder Wut;  
Bal schteht die Scheier, Haus un Hof  
In heller Flammeglut.

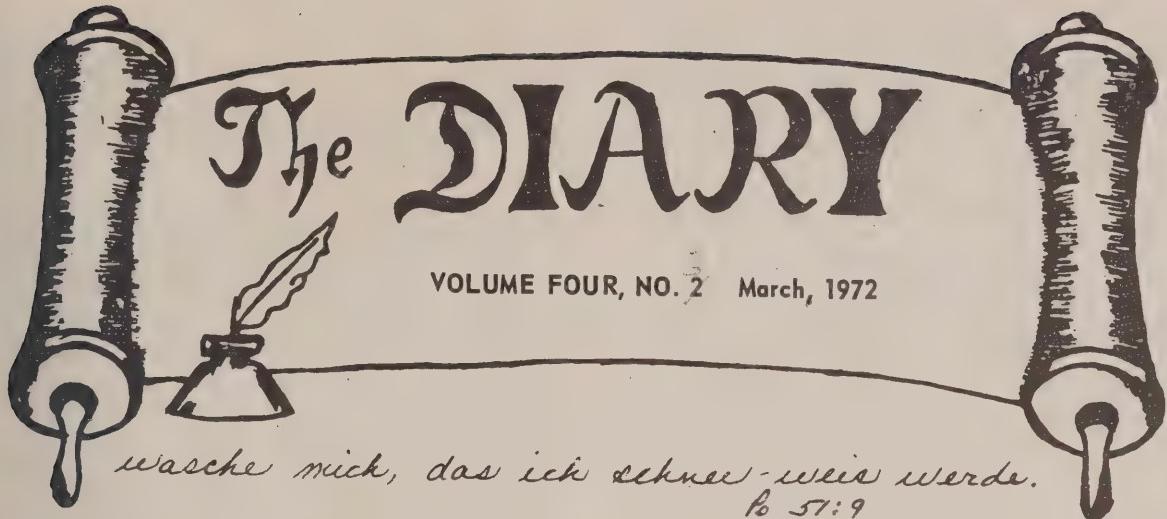
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## OF THE OLD ORDER AMISH CHURCH OF AMERICA

A CONTRIBUTION OF THE CHURCH FOR THE CHURCH BY THE CHURCH IN  
THE INTEREST OF COLLECTING AND PRESERVING ITS HISTORICAL VIRTUES

### DOVER, DELAWARE COMMUNITY

#### SHAKEN BY FATAL ACCIDENT

Allan A., son of Adam H. and Saloma (Yoder) Byler of R1, Cheswold, Dela. 19936, was killed early Monday morning March 13 when he failed to stop at a stop sign and was hit by a northbound tractor trailer. He was thrown about a hundred feet and died of extensive head injuries, before reaching the hospital. The horse was also killed. The tractor trailer jack-knifed when the driver attempted to avoid hitting the buggy, but the driver wasn't hurt. It is not known whether the youth fell asleep or couldn't control his spirited horse, but indications point to the latter, as his horse was often unwilling to stand still, becoming quite unruly sometimes. The youth was within a few miles of his home after traveling some ten miles from the home of his girlfriend where he had been after attending the young folks singing at the home of an older brother, Neal Byler.

(see obituary)

### CARRIAGE SHOP FIRE

The carriage shop of Levi E. and Rebecca (King) King, Gordenville R1, at Groffdale and Scenic Roads, was on fire Saturday morning March 11 at 9:15. One end of the second floor was gutted which was the paint room and was heated with a gas stove, but the stove had been turned off about half an hour before and nothing was seen of a fire then. Three carriage pieces in the paint room were charred and ruined but everything downstairs was saved, but water soaked. The paint room was insulated which, they feel, saved the hay and straw in the barn.

Aylmer, Ontario — Elmo Stollis and David Luthys sold their 25 acres and bought the Leroy Marner farm and moved on it.

### LANC. CO., PA. BUGGY MISHAP

Tuesday morning, March 14, Rachel, 30, wife of Samuel Smoker, and Katie S., 23, wife of Henry Esh, both of Ronks R1, Pa., were involved in an accident while driving on Route 30 near Gap. Mrs. Smoker was driving along the berm of the highway. She opened the door of the enclosed buggy to adjust the rear-view mirror so that she could check traffic before driving onto the roadway. Her action caused the horse to bolt onto the highway into the path of an oncoming westbound milk tanker rig. The truck driver saw the horse bolt onto the roadway and applied his brakes but struck the buggy nevertheless. Mrs. Esh suffered a broken pelvis, her son John L., 3, wrenched back, and Annie L., 2, minor head cut; her son Amos, 11 months, and Mrs. Smoker escaped injury. Mrs. Smoker's daughters Barbara L., 3, and Linda, 1, both had a chin cut.

### ST. MARY'S CO., MD. MISHAP

Ben Zook was shooting sparrows in the barn on March 16, with a pellet gun when a pellet glanced back and hit him in the eye. He was in the hospital five days.

### JOHNSON CO., IOWA NOTE

Pre. Lester B. Miller is in the hospital, he had a tumor removed from his head, which had been affecting his eyesight. He is improving a little to this date, March 27th. He had a similar operation three years ago, which left him blind in one eye.

Duane, son of Emory and Edna Miller is in the hospital with a badly broken leg, above the knee, which he received when a horse reared and fell backwards on him. He will possibly be in the hospital about four weeks. This happened on his sixteenth birthday, March 11th.



*Lasset die kindlein zu mir kommen..*

*Mark 10:14*



## BIRTHS

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  
 BEILER, Amos (Miriam King) Quarryville R3  
     a son MOSES K., March 8  
 BEILER, Christ D. (Mattie B. King) Paradise R1  
     a son DAVID S., March 21  
 BEILER, Christian K. (Nancy S. Lantz) Strasburg R1  
     a son AMOS K., March 6  
 BEILER, Enos K. (Fannie King) Strasburg R1  
     a son DAVID, March 8  
 BEILER, Isaac A. (Levina E. Beiler) Kinzers R1  
     a son VERNON JAY, March 7  
 ESCH, Elam M. (Mary Zook) 2210 Creek Hill Rd.,  
     Lancaster, a daughter NANCY B., March 6.  
 ESCH, Leroy S. (Rebecca K. Miller) New Providence  
     R1, a daughter LEAH, March 17  
 ESH, Aaron S. (Lizzie S. Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3  
     a daughter KATIE, March 14  
 ESH, Benjamin H. (Katie S. Stoltzfus) Ronks R1  
     a daughter MALINDA S., March 2  
 ESH, Christian P. (Rachel Glick) Ronks R1  
     a daughter FANNIE, March 1  
 ESH, Daniel S. (Amanda B. Miller) Bird-in-Hand R1  
     a daughter MALINDA, March 3  
 ESH, Daniel S. (Annie H. Beiler Box 351, Ronks  
     a daughter NANCY ANN, March 28  
 ESH, David L. (Annie Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1  
     a daughter SYLVIA, March 24  
 ESH, Eli (Fannie Blank) Christiana R1  
     a son AMOS, March 9  
 ESH, John K. (Annie Kauffman) Bird-in-Hand R1  
     a daughter MALINDA K., March 31  
 FISHER, Abrain K. (Lydia Zook) Ronks R1  
     a son ELMER, March 23  
 FISHER, Christian (Katie Allgyer) Gap R1  
     a son OMAR, March 3  
 FISHER, Daniel B. (Elizabeth Lapp) Paradise R1  
     a son GIDEON U., March 2  
 FISHER, Gideon E. (Rebecca K. Esh) Ronks R1  
     a son DAVID E., March 29  
 GLICK, David I. (Dora K. Glick) Gap R1  
     a daughter FANNIE S., March 27  
 GLICK, Leroy E. (Savilla S. Beiler) 2469 New Holland  
     Pike, Lancaster, a daughter RUTH ANN, March 20  
 GLICK, Stephen R. (Rachel S. Beiler) Leola R1  
     a daughter BARBARA, March 13  
 KAUFFMAN, Daniel S. (Lizzie K. Esh) Strasburg R1  
     a daughter EMMA, March 24  
 KAUFFMAN, Jacob B. (Mary S. Stoltzfus) Christiana  
     R1, a daughter SUSIE, March 7  
 KING, Amos K. (Malinda S. Kauffman) Gordonville R1  
     a daughter MALINDA, March 18  
 KING, Jacob S. (Sarah E. Fisher) Leola R1  
     a son STEPHEN, March 11  
 KING, Samuel S. (Mary Allgyer) Oxford R1  
     a son, March 30

LAPP, Aaron E. (Lizzie F. Blank) New Holland R1  
     a son JACOB B., March 3  
 LAPP, Amos S. (Katie Zook) Strasburg R1  
     a daughter KATIE Z., March 7  
 LAPP, J. Elmer (Sadie Beiler) Coatesville R2  
     a daughter SADIE, March 8  
 LAPP, Leroy (Naomi Esh) New Holland R1  
     a daughter SUSAN, March 28  
 MILLER, David (Mary Petersheim) Bird-in-Hand R1  
     a daughter VERA L., March 1  
 PETERSHEIM, Elmer W. (Sara Ann Bawell) Narvon R1  
     a daughter RUTH ELIZABETH, March 18  
 SMUCKER, Joseph (Naomi Smucker) East Earl R1  
     a daughter FREIDA, March 10  
 STOLTZFUS, Amos B. (Annie Stoltzfus) Gap R1  
     a daughter NAOMI, March 28  
 STOLTZFUS, Amos E. (Hannah Yoder) Honey Brook R2  
     a daughter SARA LYN, March 20  
 STOLTZFUS, Bennie (Annie Stoltzfus) Gap R2  
     a son JACOB S., March 23  
 STOLTZFUS, Benuel (Katie Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R2  
     a son JOHN RICHARD, March 23  
 STOLTZFUS, Benuel S. (Annie Esh) Honey Brook R1  
     a son BENUEL RAY, March 5  
 STOLTZFUS, Christ K. (Katie S. Stoltzfus) Leola R1  
     a son SAMUEL, March 8  
 STOLTZFUS, Christ M. (Levina L. Stoltzfus) Ronks  
     R1, a son SYLVAN, March 26  
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     a daughter NAOMI, March 22  
 STOLTZFUS, Elmer L. (Rachel Miller) Leola R1  
     a son SAMUEL, March 5  
 STOLTZFUS, Jesse M. (Rebecca Lapp) Leola R1  
     a son RAYMOND, March 15  
 STOLTZFUS, Jesse S. (Sylvia R. Lapp) Strasburg R1  
     a daughter ANNIE, March 6  
 STOLTZFUS, Samuel M. (Mary Riehl) Kirkwood R1  
     a daughter SADIE R., March 21  
 STOLTZFUS, Stephen (Fannie Fisher) Bird-in-Hand  
     R1, a daughter PRISCILLA, March 2  
 YODER, Israel (Elizabeth Blank) New Holland R2  
     a daughter KATIE, March 19

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 LAPP, Amos G. (Fannie Lantz)  
   twins, son AMOS & daughter ANNA, March 21  
 LAPP, David F. (Sylvia Zook)  
   a daughter MATTIE, March 24  
 LAPP, Isaac (Esther Peachey)  
   a son BENUEL, February 19  
 PEACHEY, Ben (Leah Lapp)  
   a son KARL, February 7  
 PEACHEY, Omar (Rebecca Lapp) Myerstown R2  
   a son ANDREW, December 31, 1971  
 ZOOK, David B. (Fannie Lapp) Myerstown R2  
   a daughter KATIE, January 27

Juniata County, Pennsylvania  
 HOSTETLER, John (Susie Stoltzfus) Mifflintown R1  
   a daughter SARA, March 21

Snyder County, Pennsylvania  
 EICHER, Amos W. (Laura B. Borntrager)  
   a daughter MALINDA, March 22  
 WAGLER, Jacob E. (Elisabeth S. Troyer)  
   a daughter ROSE, March 2

Centre County, Pennsylvania  
 BEILER, Christ (Sarah Stoltzfus) Rebersburg R.D.  
   a son LEVI, March 27  
 BEILER, Eli M. (Mary Glick) Centre Hall R.D.  
   a son JOHN, March 28  
 BEILER, John D. (Arie Esh) Rebersburg R.D.  
   a daughter ANNIE, March 7  
 KING, Enos S. (Lavina Esch) Millheim R.D.  
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Mifflin County, Pennsylvania  
 PEACHEY, Israel (Salinda Byler) Belleville  
   a son DANIEL, February 28  
 PEACHEY, Shem (Barbara Zook) Belleville  
   a daughter MARY, March 1  
 ZOOK, Benjamin (Katie Peachey) Belleville  
   a daughter LYDIA, March 20

Somerset County, Pennsylvania  
 BRENNEMAN, Simon E. (Alma Yoder) Meyersdale  
   a son DANIEL, March 18

St. Mary's County, Maryland  
 HOSTETLER, Isaac (Lydia Stoltzfus) Charlotte Hall  
   a daughter ANNIE, February 26  
 STOLTZFUS, Daniel U. (Nancy Yoder) Mechanicsville  
   a daughter MARY, March 7

Adams County, Indiana  
 EICHER, Ben A. (Lydia Troyer) Berne R2  
   a son SIMON, March 22  
 HILTY, Andy J. (Martha Miller) Berne R1  
   a daughter ROSANN, February 12  
 HILTY, Jerome A. (Bertha Miller) Berne R1  
   a son LE ROY, March 1

SCHWARTZ, Dan H. (Leah Wickey) Bryant R1  
   a daughter EMMA, February 22  
 SCHWARTZ, David I. (Katherine Schwartz) Geneva R2  
   a daughter EMMA, February 27  
 SCHWARTZ, Jake D.J. (Emma Hilty) Berne R2  
   a son LEVI, March 23  
 SCHWARTZ, Melvin H. (Josephine Schwartz) Berne R1  
   a son SYLVAN, March 25  
 SCHWARTZ, Menno M. (Barbara Eicher) Monroe R1  
   twins, son ROBERT & daughter BARBARA, Feb. 29  
 SCHWARTZ, Paul H. (Mandy Shetler) Monroe R1  
   a son MARK, March 19  
 WICKY, Christ (Katie Wickey) Geneva R2  
   adopted a 6 week old boy, CHRIST, March 17

LaGrange County, Indiana  
 BONTRAGER, Ervin (Edna Schlabach) Middlebury R1  
   a daughter MARY RUTH, February 26  
 BONTRAGER, Glen (Lizzie Mast) LaGrange R4  
   a son LEVI G., March 23  
 BONTRAGER, Marvin (Elizabeth Lambright) Wolcott-  
   ville R2, a daughter SUE ANNA, February 22  
 BONTRAGER, Perry (Katie Chupp) Shipshewana R2  
   a daughter MARTHA ANN, March 6  
 BONTRAGER, William (Annabelle Troyer) Topeka R2  
   a daughter WANETA FERN, February 25  
 BYLER, Mervin (Rebecca Jones) LaGrange R1  
   a son PAUL ALLEN, February 24  
 HERSHBERGER, John (Mary Yoder) Topeka R1  
   a daughter EDNA J., February 24  
 HOCHSTEDLER, William (Rosa Hochstedler) Millers-  
   burg R1, a daughter EDNA M., March 26  
 LAMBRIGHT, Mahlon (Esther Miller) Topeka R1  
   a daughter DARLA MAE, February 20  
 MILLER, Elvion (Lou Ida Miller) Millersburg R1  
   a son MERLIN JAY, February 24  
 MILLER, Ezra N. (Mary Schrock) LaGrange R1  
   a daughter, March 10  
 MILLER, John (Viola Lambright) Topeka R2  
   a daughter WANETA, March 6  
 MILLER, Maynard (Barbara Wickey) Topeka R1  
   a son HERMAN M., March 21  
 MILLER, Orva (Ada Yoder) Shipshewana R1  
   a son, March 12  
 MILLER, Vernon (Elsie Hostetler) LaGrange R4  
   a daughter SARAH MAE, February 14  
 NISLEY, Crist (Fannie Mae Miller) Topeka R2  
   a daughter DOROTHY MAE, March 24  
 OTTO, Fred (Mary Miller) Middlebury R1  
   a daughter RUTH, March 17  
 PETERSHEIM, Orva (Edith Stutzman) Topeka R1  
   a son NOAH RAY, February 22  
 SMUCKER, Edward (Esther Raber) LaGrange R4  
   a daughter FREDA, March 1  
 YODER, Harley (Anna Chupp) Topeka R2  
   a son JOHN ALLEN, March 1  
 YODER, Samuel (Esther Yoder) LaGrange R4  
   a son DAVID S., February 28  
 YODER, Wilbur (Amanda Raber) Middlebury R1  
   a son DAVID RAY, February 22

## BIRTHS, continued

Daviess County, Indiana  
**GRABER**, Ora (Mary Graber)  
 a daughter MARIANNA, March 19  
**KNEP**, David (Naomi Wagler)  
 a daughter JOELLA, March 15  
**STOLL**, Eugene (Mary Catherine Wagler)  
 a son GALEN, March 5  
**WAGLER**, Arthur (Margaret Raber)  
 a son OMAR LEE, March 3  
**WAGLER**, Ezra, (Mary Louise Wagler)  
 a daughter SHARON SUE, March 12

Arthur, Illinois  
**MILLER**, Marvin (Anna Hostetler)  
 a daughter RUTH ANN  
**OTTO**, William (Dorothy Gingerich)  
 a son STEVEN, March 5  
**SCHROCK**, David (Lucy Stutzman)  
 a son PAUL JAMES, March 7

Buchanan County, Iowa  
**GINGERICH**, Jacob (Christina Kurtz) Independence  
 a daughter ROSANNA, February 28  
**HELMUTH**, Dan J. (Mattie Yoder) Hazleton  
 a daughter LORENE, March 25  
**MILLER**, Bennie (Linda Yoder) Fairbank  
 a daughter IDA, February 29  
**MILLER**, Perry (Emma Yutzy) Independence  
 a son OLLIE, March 25  
**YODER**, Henry J. (Barbara Stutzman) Hazleton  
 a daughter BARBARA ANN, March 29

Jamesport, Missouri  
**DETWEILER**, Eli T. (Naomi Gingerich)  
 a son HARLEY, March 23

Mt. Elgin, Ontario  
**STUTZMAN**, Chester (Sarah Kauffman)  
 a son JOHN, February 29

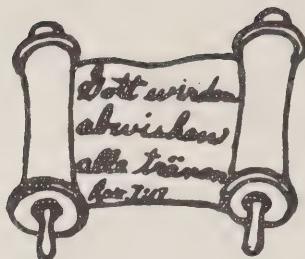
## MIGRATIONS

Mike S. Kauffmans and family of 9 children moved on March 27th from R2, Mifflintown, Pa. to Orrstown R1, Pa. in Franklin County, and started farming on the farm they bought.

Joe F. Bontragers moved from Buchanan Co., Ia., to Milton, Iowa, February 23rd. Sam R. Bontragers moved from Buchanan Co., Iowa to Bowling Green, Missouri, February 23rd.

Jamesport, Missouri — On February 16, Minister John J. Hostetlers moved to Arthur, Ill., then March 2nd Minister Eli N. Troyers moved from Madison Co., Ohio to where Johns vacated, west of Jamesport. On March 16, John H. Yoders moved from Mt. View, Missouri on the Bishop Dan Stutzman farm, south of Jamesport. Dans built and moved into a small house at their daughter, the Monroe Hershbergers.

David A. Kinsingers moved from Salisbury, Pa. to Marshfield, R1, Box 132, Missouri, March 22.



## OBITUARIES

Allgyer, Annie S., 95, of Gap R1, Pa.

died at 2:05 p.m. Thursday, March 23, at the Christ U. Flaud home, where she lived for the past 25 years. She had been under the care of a physician. She was born in Salisbury Twp., a daughter of the late David and Anna (Stoltzfus) Umble. She was the widow of Amos K. Allgyer, who died in 1955, and was the last of her immediate family.

Funeral services were held from the Christ U. Flaud residence; burial was in Millwood Cemetery.

Byler, Allan A., 17, of Cheswold R1, Dela.

was killed March 13, in an accident enroute home from the home of his girlfriend (see front page). Besides this special friend he leaves his parents and two sisters, Sylvia and Edna, at home; two brothers, Neal, married to Rosa A. Byler of Dover R2, and Melvin, married to Martha A. Mast of Wernersville, Pa.; three sisters, Mattie, wife of Allan A. Miller; Barbara, wife of Henry Detweiler Jr.; Mary, wife of Henry S. Troyer, all of Dover R.R. One brother preceded him in death, Henry whose widow Elsie (Beachy) is now married to Raymond Detweiler, also nieces and nephews. He was born November 27, 1954, and died at the age of 17 yrs., 3 mo., and 24 days.

Funeral services were held Thurs. March 16 at Jonas Hershbergers, by Min. Leroy J. Yoder and Bish. John J. Yoder, at Reuben Bylers, by Min Jacob Mast of Lawrence Co., Pa., and Bish. Jonas Coblenz. Burial was in the Amish Cemetery.

Gingerich, Pre. Benedict D., 86, Johnson Co., Iowa died Tues. p.m., March 21. He had not been well due to old age and lately a stroke. Surviving are his wife, two sons and two daughters, Amanda, wife of Eli Beachy; Herman married to Malinda Yoder of Ohio; Mary Ellen and Emil at home. His age was 86 yr., 2 mo., 25 days.

Funeral services were held by Bish. Truman Miller and Pre. Tobe Miller in the home, and by Pre. Elmer T. Miller and Willis Yoder at the Wilbur Ropp residence.

Gingerich, Lizzie, 84, Johnson Co., Iowa

died 6 days after her husband, Benedict D. Gingerich, at the age of 84 yr., 6 mo., 9 days. Funeral services were held in the home March 29, by Pre. William H. Miller of Middlebury, Ind., and Bishop Truman W. Miller. Both were buried in the Gingerich Cemetery.

**Hershberger, Mrs. Ada J., 75, of Sugarcreek R1, Ohio**  
died Sunday, March 19, in her home after a long illness. Surviving are seven daughters and five sons, Mrs. Levi N. (Anna) Miller of Plain City, Mrs. Owen J. (Mary) Schlabach, Mrs. Emanuel J. (Nettie) Chupp, Mose A. and Joni A. Troyer of R1, Sugarcreek, Mrs. Freeman J. (Ada) Mullet of R2, Sugarcreek and Raymond A. Troyer, of Sugarcreek, Mrs. Reuben R. (Dorothy) Byler and Mrs. Milo L. (Amanda) Mullet of Middlefield, Mrs. Christ S. (Elizabeth) Miller of Ashland, John A. Troyer of Kinsman and Noah A. Troyer of R1, Dundee; two half-sisters, Mrs. David K. Yoder of Benton and Mrs. Andy J. Coblenz of Uniontown; 10 stepsons, four step-daughters, Mrs. Henry (Katie) Schrock and Mrs. Jonas (Barbara) Hershberger of Burton, Eli P. Miller of Hiram, Dan P. Miller of Missouri, Noah P. Miller and Crist P. Miller of Middlefield, Uriah P. Miller and Robert P. Miller of Mt. Gilead, Mrs. Owen (Ada) Beachy and Noah E. Hershberger of Goshen, Indiana, Mrs. Raymond (Mae) Troyer, Albert E. Hershberger, Henry E. Hershberger and Roman E. Hershberger of Sugarcreek; 89 grandchildren, and 39 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, Jonathan C.C. and Elizabeth (Shetler) Miller; three husbands, Andrew D. Troyer who died in 1938, Pete N. Miller who died in 1950 and Eli V. Hershberger who died in 1966; a son, five sisters, two brothers, a half-sister, two half-brothers and one step-son.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Menno N. Schlabach; burial was in the Miller Cemetery in Clark Township.

#### **Graber, Mrs. Caroline, 78, Montgomery R1, Ind.**

died March 28 at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Peter S. Wagler, where she had made her home. She had been seriously ill for 10 weeks. A lifetime resident of Daviess County, she was born January 31, 1894 to Sam and Anna (Leighty) Lengacher. In 1912 she married Peter Graber, who died in 1966. Two sons survive, Henry Graber, Loogootee, and Herman Graber, Washington, three daughters, Mrs. Irene Wagler, Mrs. Mary Knepp and Mrs. Anna Wagler, all of Montgomery, 41 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren; also two brothers, Simon Lengacher, Montgomery, and Victor Lengacher, Loogootee, and one sister, Mrs. Mary Ann Byler, Montgomery.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Ben Wagler and Alva Raber; burial was in Stoll Cemetery.

#### **Hershberger, Ivan W., Fredericksburg R2, Ohio**

infant son of Wayne and Ella (Miller) Hershberger, passed away at Doctor's Hospital in Massillon on March 9, following birth on March 8, 1972. Besides his parents he is survived by a brother, Aden, of the home; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry J. Miller; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel S. Hershberger; maternal great-grandfathers, John B. Miller and William T. Weaver; paternal great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon S. Hershberger, all of R2, Fredericksburg.

Funeral services were held at the residence by Bishop Levi J. Miller; burial was in Schlabach Cem.

#### **Kanagy, Mrs. Jemima, 78, Belleville, Pa.**

widow of Pre. Samuel D. Kanagy, passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rufus D. Peachey, on March 1, aged 78 yr., 2 mo., 5 days. She was born December 25, 1893. She had a stroke in 1965 and was on the wheelchair some the first few years. She then got diabetes and was blind and bedfast the last four or five years. She was cared for at the home of her son Moses L. Kanagy the first few years. In 1967 she was moved to her daughter's home. Her step-grandchildren also so willingly helped care for her. Surviving are two sons, Moses L., Noah S., two daughters, Mrs. Rufus D. (Lizzie Peachey) all of Belleville, Mrs. David (Sarah) Yoder of Winfield, one sister, Mrs. Amos D. (Sarah) Zook of Leola, Pa., two brothers, Menno of Allensville and Elam of Lancaster Co., Pa., 15 grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, 1 foster grandson and 1 step-great-grandchild.

Funeral services were held at the farmhouse where Samuel P. Yoder Jr. lives, by David Smoker of Lebanon Co. and Aaron Y. Beiler of Lancaster County. Pallbearers were four nephews, Henry & Levi Kanagy, David E. Zook and Eli Wengerd.

Her husband, Samuel Kanagy died October 4, 1964 in Communion Services while votes were being taken to ordain a minister.

#### **Kemp, Mrs. Ida, 76, of Johnson County, Iowa**

widow of Noah Kemp passed away of Cancer on March 9. Her husband preceded her in death in 1949; also two sisters, Mrs. Joel Yoder, several years ago, and Mrs. Lew Yoder in 1956. Surviving is one adopted (handi-capped) son Maynard, age 37; also one sister, Mrs. Harry Miller, 91, and one brother, Mahlon Schlabach, also in the upper 80s.

Funeral services were held at the home by Bishop Truman Miller and Levi Schrock in the large house, and by T. J. Miller and Willis Yoder in the small house. Burial was in the Gingerich Cemetery beside her husband.

#### **Miller, Amanda L., of Dundee R1, Ohio**

five week old daughter of Levi E. and Clara (Kauffman) Miller, died Tuesday, March 28, at the Wooster Community Hospital after a brief illness. Surviving in addition to the parents are one sister, Katie Mae; one brother, Leroy, both of the home; the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Don B. Kauffman of R1, Dundee and Mr. and Mrs. Eli B. Miller of R3, Millersburg; great-grandparents, Mrs. Ben A. Miller of R2, Fredericksburg, and Mr. and Mrs. Levi N. Raber of R1, Baltic.

Funeral services were held at the residence by Bishop Mahlon Hochstetler; burial was in the Yoder Cemetery.

#### **Wagler, Kenneth Allen, of Daviess County, Ind.**

two day old son of Ben and Katie Wagler, died February 14. Burial was in Wagler Cemetery.

## OBITUARIES, continued

Weaver, Abe P., 84, Mifflintown, Pa.

aged 84 yr. and 11 days, died at the home of his son Andy in Juniata Co., Pa. on March 4, where he resided the last four years of his life. He was born in Holmes Co., Ohio near Bunker Hill on Feb. 22, 1888, a son of the late Peter and Mattie (Byler) Weaver; baptized in 1908 by Bishop David Miller and Deacon Joe Miller; and married in 1913 by Bishop Sam Yoder. He was a farmer in Wayne Co., Ohio near Kidron until he retired in 1945. Surviving are seven sons and three daughters, Andrew; Emery, Abe and Mrs. Mike (Anna) Kauffman of Mifflintown, Jacob and Mrs. Melvin E. (Fannie) Troyer of R2, Orrville, Harry of R5, Millersburg, Henry of R3, Navarre, Daniel of R1, Fredericksburg, and Mrs. Henry J. (Verna) Hershberger of R1, Apple Creek; three brothers, Andy P. and Fritz P. Weaver of R5, Millersburg, and Jacob P. or R2, Apple Creek; 62 grandchildren; and sixteen great-grandchildren. His wife, Katie Ann, died in 1967.

Funeral services were held in Juniata Co. by David R. Swarey and Sam K. Kauffman, and in Wayne Co. by Pre. Seth T. Yoder and Bishop Roman Troyer; burial was in the Simon Yoder Cemetery.

Weaver, John W., 95, of R5, Millersburg, Ohio

died late Thursday, March 30, at his residence after a six weeks illness. He was born in Holmes County to the late Benjamin P. and Anna (Gerber) Weaver. His wife Katie (Miller) died in 1951. Surviving are a daughter, Mrs. Abe E. (Anna) Miller of the home; two sons, Benjamin J. Weaver of Loogootee R2, Ind.; Harry J. Weaver of Fresno R3; a brother, Sam B. Weaver of Millersburg R5; 18 grandchildren; and 37 great-grandchildren. A son, five sisters and four brothers died previously.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Mahlon Hochstetler; burial was in Weaver Cemetery.

Yoder, Mrs. Mary, 75, of Dundee R1, Ohio

died at her home Wednesday, March 15, following a short illness. She was a life-long resident of the area. Her husband, Wesley A. Yoder, died previously. She is survived by four sons, Paul and Emanuel of Winesburg, Mahlon of Apple Creek and Wayne of Berlin; two daughters, Mrs. Edna Knight of West Salem, and Mrs. Eli H. (Mattie) Miller of the home; 25 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Abe B. Yoder; burial was in Schlabach Cemetery.

Yoder, Mrs. Sarah, 46, of Big Prairie R1, Ohio

died Monday evening, March 20, at Wooster Community Hospital. She was born in Stark County, on September 1, 1925, to John J.S. and Mattie (Wengert) Miller. Surviving are her husband, Jacob Y. Yoder; four sons, Roman J. of Millersburg R1, Roy of Wooster,

Eli J. and Ivan both of the home; two daughters, Mrs. A. B. Miller of Ashland R5 and Clara Yoder of the home; three brothers, Dan J.J. of Millersburg R5, Roman Miller of Mt. Eaton and Amos of Wilmot; a step-brother, Earl Mullet of Sugarcreek; a sister, Mrs. Henry B. Miller of Fredericksburg R2; two step-sisters, Clara Mullett and Mrs. John Erb, both of Sugarcreek; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held by David Raber; burial was on the David Raber farm in Ripley Twp.

Miller, Jacob M. E., 54, of Millersburg R5, Ohio

died Thursday, March 30, at his residence after an extended illness. Surviving are his wife, Priscilla; three daughters, Mrs. Lydia Hershberger, Dundee R1, Mrs. Mary Reed of Calif., and Mrs. Susanna Hershberger of Millersburg R5; three sons, Mose J. Miller, Millersburg R4; Joe J. Miller of Winesburg; John J. Miller of California; a brother, John M. Miller, Dundee R1; three sisters, Mrs. Susie Byler, Fredericksburg R1; Mrs. Ada Hershberger of Dalton R1; Mrs. Lydia Mercer of Dover; and 12 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Sam A. Miller residence; burial in the Joe Helmuth Cemetery.

Stoltzfus, Dea. Aaron F., 86, Leola R1, Pa.

died Saturday, March 18, at his home. Born in Upper Leacock Twp., a son of the late Christian and Rebecca (Fisher) Stoltzfus, he was born in the same house he died. His wife, Lizzie M. (King) Stoltzfus died September 27, 1961 at the age of 74 yr., 7 mo., 12 days. Surviving are three daughters, Jemima, wife of Israel Swarey, Leola R1; Miss Rebecca, at home, and Nancy, wife of Stephen K. Smoker, Kirkwood R1; six grandchildren, 8 great-grandchildren, and five step-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Bennie Yoder, Somerset Co., Pa. and Christian Esh; Hymn "Ich hab mein sach Gott heim gestellt" read by Aaron King. Burial was in Myers Cemetery where Hymn "Nun bringen wir den leib zur ruh" was read by Dea. Aaron M. Beiler; Abschied was by Ephraim Riehl. Pallbearers were four former hired boys, Ephraim King, Daniel King, Dea. Jacob Zook, and Dea. John K. Stoltzfus.

He had light strokes since Christmas, could not talk the last two weeks, was in bed and could not eat the last eight days, was on wheel chair eight days before that, used a walker from Feb. 9 to the 28th. "We wished him rest but a place is empty at home and in gma."

Nun mein Sitz in gegen stand  
Bleibet jetz fur ein anderer leer  
Gott wird euch ein anderer senden  
Fallt das amt ihm gleich wol schwer  
Doch die stell mus sein besetzet  
Das die herd bleibt unverletzet  
Und versorget sind die armen  
Das doch keiner machte darben  
erwahlet

Troyer, Eli C., 83, or R1, Sugarcreek, Ohio  
died Wednesday, March 1, in his home after a long illness. He was preceded in death by his parents, Christ C. and Catherine (Beachy) Troyer, his wife, Clara (Schlabach) Troyer who died in 1938; two sons; two daughters; four sisters; and six brothers. Surviving are five daughters, Mrs. Joe (Mary Ann) Wengerd of Walnut Creek, and Mrs. Elizabeth Yoder, Katie, Emma, and Ada Troyer of Sugarcreek; nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Andy N. Troyer; burial was in the Schlabach Cemetery.



## MARRIAGES

### Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Fisher, Stoltzfus — Widower Gideon L. Fisher, Ronks R1, and Miss Elizabeth M. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, by Jonas S. Lapp, March 28.

Beiler, Flaud — Widower Deacon John Y. Beiler, and Miss Rebecca Flaud, both of Bird-in-Hand R1, by Aaron Y. Beiler, April 6.

### Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Fisher, Kauffman — Benuel, son of Amos S. and Lydia Fisher, and Mary, daughter of Samuel and Eva Kauffman, November 11, 1971

Smoker, Lantz — Eli, son of John I. and Salome Smoker, and Fannie, daughter of Jonathan and Leah Lantz, November 18, 1971

Esh, Smoker — John, son of Amos and the late Leah Esh, and Rachel, daughter of John I. and Salome Smoker, November 23, 1971

Lantz, Lapp — Stephen, son of Jonathan and Leah Lantz, and Rachel, daughter of Annie and the late Isaac Lapp, December 16, 1971

### Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Summy, Kinsinger — Floyd, son of Eli and Fannie (Lee) Summy, and Katie, daughter of Roy S. and Amanda (Beachy) Kinsinger, at Summit Mills Church by Bishop Albert E. Brenneman, March 6

### Adams County, Indiana

Schwartz, Girod — Walter F., son of Mr. and Mrs. Menno L. Schwartz, Berne R1, and Miriam, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Girod, Berne R1, February 20

### LaGrange County, Indiana

Graber, Yoder — Ezra, son of Daniel H. and the late Katie Ann (Miller) Graber, and Mattie, daughter of William D. and Lizzie (Bontrager) Yoder, March 2

Miller, Miller — Samuel E., son of Elmer C. and Ada (Mast) Miller, and Orpha, twin daughter of Ernest and Elizabeth (Hostetler) Miller, March 16

Miller, Miller — Orva, twin son of Ernest N. and Elizabeth (Hostetler) Miller, and Wilma P., daughter of Perry L. and Fannie (Miller) Miller, March 23

Miller, Fry — Mervin, son of Enos E. and Anna Mae (Bontrager) Miller, and Ida L., daughter of Levi and Polly (Bontrager) Fry, March 23

Hochstedler, Barkman — Ervin Ray, son of LeRoy and Nettie (Slabach) Hochstedler, and Lillie, daughter of Mrs. Sam R. Bontrager (Miriam Shetler) and the late Peter Barkman, by Bishop Daniel J. Bontrager, March 23

### Daviess County, Indiana

Swartzentruber, Marner — Alvin Jay, son of Cleadus and Clara Swartzentruber, and Lorene, daughter of Ralph and Katie Marner, by Bishop Joe L. Graber, March 16

## BAPTISMS

### Adams County, Indiana

by Bishop Jake K. Hilty, March 5

in Bishop Levi H. Schwartz District

Joe U. Schwartz, son of Jake D. Schwartz

Jake M. Shetler, son of Levi Shetler

Ervin L. Hilty, son of Alvin L. Hilty

Martin A. Hilty, son of Andy A. Hilty

Levi Shetler, son of Jake J. Shetler Jr.

Dan M. Hilty, son of Joseph A. Hilty

Verna Schwartz, daughter of Bishop Levi H. Schwartz

### Arthur, Illinois

March 19, in David Beachy District

Eli, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noah J. Yoder

Obed, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ervin J. Yoder

Raymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi E. Herschberger

Martha, daughter of Minister and Mrs. Joe Hostetler

Katherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Plank

Edna Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Levi H. Miller

### VISITING MINISTERS, Arthur, Illinois

Bishop Amos Miller from Ohio attended church at John Andersons, March 12 in Andy Kaufman District.

Bishop Lester Schlabach from Ohio attended church at Marvin Millers at the home of Deacon Dan Troyer, March 12 in Abe Gingerich District. Bishop Joe

Hershberger from Ohio attended church at Eli Beachey, March 12 in Wm. Mast District. The above ministers plus Jonas Hershberger, Harry Miller and Melvin Kramer from Wisconsin attended church at Ben A.

Millers, March 11 in John Herschberger District. Minister Cris Troyer and wife attended church at Levi H. Millers, March 26 in Andy Kaufman District Council Meeting.

## 1972 March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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### CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

#### Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

The Bareville area had 2.3 inches of rain in March.

Market Report: Prime Steers sold \$34.00 to 35.50; Stockers and Feeders, 33.00 to 35.00; Calves, 40.00 to 45.00; Veal, 67.50; Fat Hogs, 22.00 to 25.00; Feeder Pigs, .50 a lb.; Choice Easter Lambs, 63.00 to 70.50; Dairy Cattle out of New York sold from 420.00 to 690.00; Large Eggs, .38; Potatoes, 2.25 Cwt.; Hay, 30.00 to 60.00 Ton; Straw, 35.00 to 39.00 Ton; Ear Corn, 41.00 Ton, Bu., 1.38; Wheat, 1.50; Barley, 1.15; Oats, .80 Bu.

by Elam S. Beiler

It has been an open winter here, only one major snow, the 19th of February. Some plowing was done every month this winter except February. Plowing and manure hauling has been in full swing the last week in March. Grass and wheat fields do not show any green yet. There have been more farm equipment sales than usual this spring, with higher prices being paid for everything, especially cows. Alfalfa and clover mixtures were sown in wheat fields mostly after the middle of the month.

#### Snyder County, Pa., by Sam M. Troyer

March started in with real warm weather. On the 9th we had 11 degrees above zero, which was the coldest for the month. Beginning on the 24th we had six mornings averaging about 20 degrees. We had about 2½ inches of rain and very little snow. It looks like trees will bloom late.

#### Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine Swarey

March was a very moderate month, came in sunny and warm. March 2nd in the evening we had thunder, lightning, and heavy rain causing high water, streams overflowing and water in many cellars. Lowest temperature was ten degrees. Twelve beautiful sunny springlike days and four snowy days. Thunder, lightning, and rain again the evening of March 29. The last day of March was very nice, a big sun sign toward the south at sunset. Robins and bluebirds are back, spring flowers are coming through. Men are plowing, women are spading and planting garden.

#### Somerset County, Pa., by Mary A. Kinsinger

March was a mixture of rain, snow, and also cloudy damp weather. We had numerous sunny days, too. Sugaring was fair but not as good as some years. Syrup has a pretty high price this year. Sugaring is about past for the season.

#### Juniata County, Pa., by David Y. Renno

The weather in Juniata County during March was cold and wet with no snow. Springs and wells are very strong. Rainfall was about normal for the month. Very little farming was done in March as the ground was frozen nearly all month. Prices of farm produce have dropped some from the previous highs. Small lambs for Easter sold from .80 to \$1.50 a pound. Laying hens are unprofitable, beef and pork are still rather high.

#### Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus

The first few days of March were warm and sunny, and we had lots of water from the melting snow. It washed considerably, doing some damage in places, quite a few people had water in their cellars. It soon cooled off again and we had 15 to 30 degree temperatures a lot of the time, with snow flurries off and on throughout the month. Not much field work was done in March this year, and very little plowing is done yet in this section. There were several farm sales this spring, with things selling high. Better cows bring over \$600.00, with some going for eight or nine hundred. One hundred to one hundred ten pound calves bring \$45.00 to \$50.00. Milk prices are good, which is by far our best source of income.

#### St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

March came in like a lamb. Temperature went to 75 and 80 the first two days. Then we had a cold windy rain the 3rd. Typical March weather throughout, with plenty of cloudy, chilly weather. Six days it rained part of the day, no snow. Good Friday, the 31st, it was cloudy with an east wind. We had one snow month, February, and that didn't amount to much. Farmers are top-dressing, plowing, hauling manure, and getting ready to get busy again after a long vacation, (it seems to me) you see I'm not farming, (yet). Pre. Jacob Stoltzfus and John Esh Jr. moved to this area from Gettysburg, Pa. the second week in March.

#### Wayne County, Ohio, by Ray J. Yoder

I don't know if March came in like a lion, but it seems to be going out like a lamb. High was in the 50s. April 1. March had a temperature range of from 10 above to 56, not much snow, but lots of mud. Farmers are starting to plow, which makes you think of spring, but when the women start to clean house, you know spring is here. No oats sown yet that I know of. Spring always fascinates me, new shoots burst forth from old roots, sunshine puts new life in my weary bones, and seems to make my tired blood rush a little faster. What a Creation!

#### Daviess County, Indiana, by Lester Marner

Very cool weather, it snowed on April 1st and also on Easter Sunday, the 2nd. Very little plowing or field work done yet, some oats are sown. Hogs, \$23. to 24.00; Milk, \$4.80 per hundred; Eggs, 23¢.

**Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hilty**

March, 1972 - "In like a lamb and out like a lion," started out with a balmy 61 degrees and ended with nearly eight inches of snow. Due to the fact that most of the snow melted as it fell, it seemed like a lot less. This has been the case for almost the entire winter season. Total snowfall for this 1971-72 winter has been 25.6 inches. March statistics: high, 71 on the 21st; low, 11 on the 10th; rainfall, 3.03; snowfall, 8.6 inches; 10 clear days; 10 partly cloudy and 11 cloudy days; 7 rainy days and two thunderstorms.

**Topeka, Indiana, by Amos N. Miller**

On March 1st temperature was 60 degrees, but got colder again with snow flurries and wind. Then it warmed up and frost is going out of the ground, by March 15 we had at least three inches of rain. On Good Friday we had more than one inch of snow and we had a white Easter Morning. Farmers are just starting to plow. Fat Hogs, \$23.00 to 24.00 per Cwt.; Feeder Pigs, 20.00 to 30.00 per head. Still a strong demand for dairy cattle, springing heifers bring from

**From FAMILY ALMANAC, 1871  
IN THE DARK**

There come seasons of darkness in all our lives. Who has not known them? Times when there are neither sun, nor moon, nor stars in the sky, and we stand still in fear, or grope onward in trembling uncertainty.

A few years ago, there fell upon my life one of these seasons, in which I could see neither to the right hand nor the left. A terror of darkness was upon me.

One night I lay awake, thinking, thinking until my brain grew wild with uncertainty. I could not see even a step in advance, and feared to move onward lest with the next footfall I should plunge into hopeless ruin. Very strongly was I tempted to turn aside from the way in which I was going—a way, reason and conscience approved as right; but something held me back. Again and again I took up and considered the difficulties of my situation, looking to the right hand and the left for ways of extrication; now resolving to go in this direction and now in that; yet always held away from resolve by inner convictions of right and duty, that grew clear at the moment when I was ready to give up my hold on integrity.

So the hours went heavy-footed until past midnight. My little daughter was sleeping in the crib beside my bed. But now she began to move uneasily, and presently her timid voice broke faintly the still air.

"Papa! papa!" she called.

"What is it, darling?" I asked.

"Oh, papa! It is dark! Take Nellie's hand!"

I reached out my hand and took her tiny one in my own, clasping it firmly. A sigh of relief came up from her little heart. All her loneliness and fear

400.00 to 600.00 per head; 300 to 400# heifer calves bring as much as 50¢ per lb. Much hay is being bought as we had a very short crop last year, brings from \$45.00 to 55.00 per ton.

**Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener**

March came in rather lamb-like, was a nice day. In the evening it turned colder and rained a little by the next morning. Two mornings it was 16 above, by the 9th a few farmers were ploughing, then a few mornings a little frost, by the 11th the temperature was at 75, by the 12th during the night had one inch of rain. Moisture is low, drain tile are running very little. The morning of the 24th the temperature was 20, the morning of the 27th had about one inch of rain, turning colder and snowing about  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch by noon. The 28th was sunny and nice but turned colder and snowed a little as March went out.

**Aylmer, Ontario, by Leroy Eicher**

March was quite mild. The first day we had rain which turned to snow on the second day. Most of the time it was sunny, although we had occasional snow flurries.

were gone, and in a few moments she was sound asleep again.

"Oh, my Father in heaven!" I cried, in a sudden, almost wild, outburst of feeling—"It is dark, very dark. Take my hand!"

A great peace fell upon me. The terror of darkness was gone. "Keep hold of my hand, oh, my Father:" I prayed fervently; "and though I should be called to walk through the valley and the shadow of death, I will fear no evil. Let not my feet wander to the right or to the left."

"Sleep, that knits up the ravelled sleeve of care," fell softly on my eyelids, and morning broke with scarce a seeming interval of time.

I felt calm and strong. The day was to be one of severe trial. A dark cloud of uncertainty rested over it. But I was resolved to walk steadily through its trials and its pains, holding tightly the hand of my Father.

Oh! is not the Lord better to us, if we will trust Him, than all our fears? There came fierce assaults upon my integrity. I was lured by golden promises—I was threatened with disaster and disgrace, but my hand lay in the firm clasp of one who sticketh closer than a brother, and who is strong to save.

In my rectitude I found safety. Had I swerved, I would have gone down to hopeless ruin. Even my tempters, who had hoped to gain through my defections from honor, bore witness to my integrity. And now, having escaped the perils of this difficult and dangerous pass, a goodly land opened on my view, and I found possessions therein, which are held in peace and honor until this day. But the highest and dearest of all my possessions is mine integrity, which, but for the hand of my Father grasped, in darkness, I should have lost.

Lönni Ufford Eszék Szombathely 22 March 1866

Zum ersten Mal wieder mit Gott einig geworden  
 haben wäre es mir unerträglich wenn ich  
 nicht auch an alle Freunde und Bekannten zu-  
 rück und viele Jahr in Ungarn Zeit und Erst in  
 Freiheit. weiter wünschte ich Ihnen mein  
 Wohlwollen und mich in guter Gesundheit möglic  
 keit. Ihr Name ist mir aus der Zeit der  
 Kirche erinnert und das ist nicht ohne Grund  
 Gott sei will mir nicht geschehen kann  
 weiter beginnen mir Gott wünsche aber mein  
 Erfolg und Geben mir eine gute Gesundheit habe  
 Sie 19 von Serben und Bulgaren vor sie reich  
 ziemlich gefangen Sie waren sehr aufmerksam.  
 weiter um weiter sagt mir geschehen kann dem Gott  
 weiter, ich bin Jesu Christus bin der, der er nicht  
 braucht, aber da er jetzt kann will ich er noch  
 gebeten bin, der er braucht, obwohl er sagt,  
 mir geschehen kann Sie soll mein Gott aus  
 Gnadenwalt und sagt Ich will gebeten werden wir unter  
 nicht mindesten mindesten aber, der Gott nein mir  
 eine Stütze ich habe auch Gott von mir gebeten  
 weiter gebet mir ziemlich, Sie kann sie Gott  
 das weiter kein ausgeschafft 2 weiter weiter  
 wenigstens nicht noch mindesten sagen 80  
 dann kann man 78 gebet 35 Sie Gott

625 Es, Angel heimkunne zo bis' ac da,  
 -biuf 3 kinski war' gfünd' deßmittenfluis' a  
 -biuf 5 -tun das' gfünd' künnele fui gne  
 -döntle bis' 18 -allen -glos ist auf' versta  
 -stüttet -will' ich minn' d'heribun' festlind'ne  
 und minn' leisan' nis' auf' alle' in' gummie  
 Frügdom' so' stiel' mon' nisse feniend' und  
 und' uol'stäuf'ne

## Wiwolans' und' Elmer Both

und' weiss' nis' güß' an' ein  
 gäuf'ne' Lechner' Linsen' und' an' ier  
 Kirschen'

Submitted by Christian G. Esh

### From FAMILY ALMANAC, 1871

#### LEAF BY LEAF.

Leaf by leaf the roses fall,  
 Drop by drop the Springs run dry;  
 One by one, beyond recall,  
 Summer beauties fade and die;  
 But the roses bloom again,  
 And the spring will gush anew,  
 In the pleasant April rain,  
 And the summer sun and dew.

So, in hours of deepest gloom,  
 When the springs of gladness fail,  
 And the roses in the bloom,  
 Droop like maidens wan and pale,  
 We shall find some hope that lies  
 Like a silent gem apart,  
 Hidden far from careless eyes  
 In the garden of the heart.

Some sweet hope to gladness wed,  
 That will spread afresh and new,  
 When grief's winter shall have fled,  
 Giving place to rain and dew;

Some sweet hope that breathes of Spring,  
 Through the weary, weary time,  
 Budding forth its blossoming,  
 In the spirit's glorious clime.

### From FAMILY ALMANAC, 1871

#### PASSING AWAY.

"Teach me the number of my days,  
 Thou Maker of my frame;  
 I would survey lifes narrow space,  
 And learn how frail I am."

"A span is all that we can boast,  
 An inch or two of time;  
 Man is but vanity and dust  
 In all his flower and prime."

"Our days on the earth are as  
 a shadow and there is none abiding."

1 Ch. 29:15.

# The Four Glass

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past  
by Amos L. Fisher

## THE RIEHL FAMILY

We have presented a series of Family Records (in previous issues) of the John and Levina (Yoder) family, who was one on the sons of the emigrant, Lewis Riehl, who was married to Veronica Fisher, a daughter of Christian and Magdalena Fisher of Chester County, Pennsylvania.

Another son of Lewis Riehl was Jacob Riehl Sr., who was married to a girl named Zug. They lived in Chester Co., Pa. and from old writings of Elias B. Riehl of Union Co., he gives the children all born in Chester Co. in the vicinity of Malvern. This family seems then to have moved to Mifflin and Huntington Counties as their children were all raised in that locality. We will mention his children here and then continue with who they were married to and where they lived, if known:

1. Polly Riehl born October 10, 1797
2. Magdalena Riehl born April 25, 1799
3. John Riehl born January 19, 1801
4. Lewis Riehl - - -
5. Fannie Riehl born March 5, 1804
6. Peggy or Margert Riehl born Sept. 18, 1808
7. Cathrine Riehl - we have no record
8. Jacob Riehl Jr. born May 24, 1810
9. Hanna Riehl born - - -
10. David Riehl born August 1816

The oldest child, Polly Riehl, married to Christian Yoder, of whom we have no records.

The second child of Jacob Riehl Sr. was Magdalena Riehl who was married to Shem Esh who was born in Mifflin Co., later moved to Union Co., where he died in 1839 at the age of 33 years, and is buried there. They had four children, born in Mifflin and Union Cos. The widow then, in about 1848, with her four children moved to Lancaster Co. The children were as follows: (1) Fannie Esh was married to Gideon Fisher who was a minister in the vicinity of Ronks and died at the age of 44 years. She then married her second husband, Benjamin Zook of Mifflin Co. (2) Sarah Esh was married to John Fisher, a brother to Gideon. They lived in Salisbury Twp. a few years and then moved to a farm west of Intercourse, where Elmer B. Fisher now lives, where they died. (3) Daniel Esh was married to Rebecca Stoltzfus, he being a minister of the Amish church for a long time and has a very large offspring living in Lancaster Co. (4) Mary Esh married to Benjamin Beiler, lived and raised a family in the vicinity of Bird-in-Hand, Pa.

The third child of Jacob Riehl Sr. was John Riehl married to Esther Esh, they lived and died in Union Co., Pa. Their children about all married and lived in Lancaster Co., to mention the youngest daughter, Esther Riehl married to David Ebersol who lived in the vicinity of Bareville.



The fourth child of Jacob Riehl Sr. was Lewis Riehl, married to Veronica Yoder, a daughter of Bish. Rote Yost Yoder of Center Co., Pa. They were the parents of at least two children, one was Gertrude Riehl born February 20, 1832, married to John H. Beiler, and Lewis Riehl Jr. born in 1835, married to Mary Queen of Mifflin Co. who died in 1886, aged 47 years. Lewis Riehl Jr. died at the age of 45 years in 1883.

Their children were: Anna born in 1864, died May 15, 1883, aged 19; Cathrine, who died at the age of 18; Aarie, Married Abraham Grassmyer; Lydia, married Noah Stoltzfus; Mary born in 1875, died March 13, 1890, aged 16 years; Malinda born in 1877, married and was the third wife of Josiah Y. Peachy of Bellerville, and were the parents of Katie, wife of Solomon King of Gordonville R1, Pa.

You will notice that three of the above mentioned children of Lewis Riehls' died at the age of sixteen, eighteen, and nineteen years.

The fifth child of Jacob Riehl Sr. was Fannie Riehl, married to Solomon Yoder, who was at one time Bishop of the Amish congregation of Union Co. but moved from there to Long Green in Baltimore Co., Maryland, where he died.

The sixth child of Jacob Riehl Sr., Peggy or Margert was married to Christian K. Zook who was born May 4, 1813 in Mifflin Co., a son of Daniel Zook who was a son of Christian Zook who moved from East Whiteland, Chester Co. to Mifflin Co. in 1793, being one of the first Amish settlers of that locality. Christian K. Zook and Wife Margert moved from Mifflin Co. to Lawrence Co., Pa. as an Amish Minister. Not much is known of their family except that one son, John R. Zook was married to Malinda Hertzler and also lived in Lawrence County, Pennsylvania.

The seventh child of Jacob Riehl Sr. was Cathrine Riehl of whom we have no records at all.

The eighth child of Jacob Riehl Sr. was Jacob Riehl Jr. who was married to Charity Yoder born on October 5, 1811, a daughter of Bishop Yost Yoder or better known as "Rote" Yost of Half Moon Valley in Center Co., Pa.

At this time we will make mention of Rote Yost Yoder of Center Co.; his first wife was Erany Yoder a daughter of Michael Yoder of Mifflin Co., his second wife was Mary Zug, a daughter of John and Cathrine Zug of East Whiteland Twp. of Chester Co. It is not

known just when they moved to Center Co. but they were the parents of the following children born in Mifflin and Center Counties, Pa.

A. Joel Yoder born April 30, 1797 and married to Veronica Yoder a daughter of David Yoder.

B. Leah Yoder born September 24, 1798, married Daniel Yoder a son of Henry Yoder.

C. John Yoder born June 25, 1800, married to Mary Yoder a daughter of David Yoder.

D. Mary Yoder born August 16, 1802, married to David Yoder who was a son of David Yoder. (The David and Mary Yoder mentioned are the grandparents of Moses Z. Yoder who lives in Lancaster Co., a few miles east of Bird-in-Hand.)

E. Elizabeth Yoder born December 14, 1804 and married to Christian Kauffman, second time to Shem Yoder.

F. Yost Yoder born November 16, 1806, married to Leah Yoder a daughter of David Yoder.

G. Veronica Yoder born July 27, 1808, married to Lewis Riehl son of Jacob Riehl Sr.

H. Gertrude or Charity Yoder born October 5, 1811 and married to Jacob Riehl Jr. son of Jacob Riehl Sr.

I. Michael Yoder born August 14, 1814, married to Barbara Hoffman daughter of Jacob Hoffman.

J. Jonas Yoder born August 26, 1817, married to Cathrine Allgyer daughter of Christian Allgyer.

K. Sarah Yoder born December 12, 1921, died single.

We will also mention here, that at the beginning of the Amish settlement in HalfMoon Valley in Center County, when the first ordination for ministers was held, the lot fell on Rote Yost Yoder and his oldest son, Joel Yoder, in one day. A few years later Yost was ordained Bishop, and his son Joel later moved to Juniata County and was ordained as Bishop of that congregation.

Will again continue with the Jacob Riehl families. The children of Jacob and Charity were born in Center and Juniata Counties. Jacob Riehl was one of the ministers of the Tuscarora Valley in Juniata County.

Their children were as follows:

(1) Moses Riehl born April 20, 1836, died January 19, 1910. (2) Shem Riehl born August 25, 1837, died January 17, 1912. (3) Sarah Riehl born February 3, 1841, died June 1, 1844. (4) Franny Riehl born March 18, 1843, died September 3, 1896. (5) Levi Riehl born February 18, 1845. (6) Jonas Riehl born January 1, 1847. (7) Yost Riehl born February 12, 1849, died July 8, 1858. (8) Gideon Riehl born August 1851, died May 13, 1853. (9) Noah Riehl born March 22, 1854. (10) Jacob Riehl born April 2, 1856, died on November 22, 1933.

Jacob and Charity Riehl with some of their children are buried a few miles west of Port Royal in Juniata Co. in the Riehl or Blank Cemetery.

Mose Riehl, the eldest of the afore mentioned family was married to Christiann Petersheim, a dau. of John Petersheim of Lancaster Co. and were the parents of Jacob, John, Mose and Gideon, all of whom lived and died in Lancaster County.

The ninth child of Jacob Riehl Sr. was Hanna Riehl, married to Solomon Lantz, son of Christian Lanrz, she being his second wife. They moved to Fairfield County, Ohio between 1837 and 1840, with a large family.

The tenth child of Jacob Riehl Sr. was David Riehl born August 31, 1816 in Chester County and was married to Barbara Diener born May 27, 1826, in France, a daughter of George and Magdalena (Miller) Diener. Their children are: (1) Lydia, married to Christian Smucker; (2) Magdalena born in 1854, was blind; (3) Eli Riehl, married to Sarah Renno, a dau. of Jacob Renno; (4) Jacob Riehl died at the age of 18 years; (5) Frances Riehl, married to Isaac Stoltzfus, a son of Pre. Groffdale John Stoltzfus; (6) Menno Riehl, married to Mary Baumgardner who were the parents of Eli, Abner, and Jesse of Lancaster Co. (7) David Riehl, married to Barbara Smucker who were the parents of the Riehl Sisters who live along the Lincoln Highway, east of Lancaster; (8) Anna Riehl born in 1865, died at the age of four years.

#### From FAMILY ALMANAC, 1871

##### DON'T LAUGH.

Never laugh at religion. Never make a jest of sacred things. Never mock those who are serious and in earnest about their souls. The time may come when you will count those happy whom you laughed at,—a time when your laughter will be turned into sorrow, and your mockery into heaviness. Whatever you please to laugh at, don't laugh at religion.

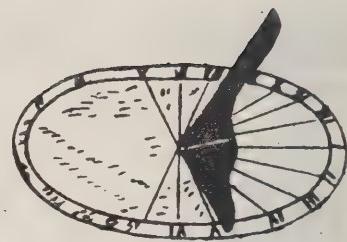
Contempt of holy things is the high road to infidelity. Once let a man begin to make a jest or joke of any part of christianity, and I am never surprised to hear that he has turned out a downright unbeliever.

Have you really made up your mind to this? Have you fairly looked into the gulf which is before you, if you persist in despising religion? Call to mind the words of David: "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." Ps. 11:1. The fool, and none but the fool! He has said it, but he has never proved it! Remember, if ever there was a book which has been proved true from beginning to end, by every kind of evidence, that book is the Bible. It has defied the attacks of all enemies and fault-finders. "The word of the Lord is indeed tried." Ps. 18:30. It has been tried in every way, and the more evidently has it been shown to be the very handiwork of God himself.

Matthew Henry tells a story of a great statesman in Queen Elizabeth's time, who retired from public life in his latter days and gave himself up to serious thought. His former gay companions came to visit him, and told him he was becoming melancholy: "No," he replied, "I am serious; for all are serious round about me. God is serious in observing us, Christ is serious in interceding for us, the Spirit is serious in striving with us, the truths of God are serious, our spiritual enemies are serious in their endeavors to ruin us, and why then should not you and I be serious too?" Don't laugh at religion.

Rev. J. C. Ryle.

# Sie Sonnen - Schrift



Die Sonne, wenn sie aufgehet, verkündinet sie den Tag;  
sie ist ein Wunderwerk des Höchsten.

Und der Mond in aller Welt muss scheinen zu seiner Zeit,  
und die Monate unterscheiden, und das Jahr austheilen.  
Nach dem Mond rechnet man die Feste; es ist ein Licht,  
das abnimmt, und wieder zunimmt.

Er hat den Himmel fein rund gemacht, und die Hand des Höchsten hat ihn ausgebrettet.

1870, Herold der Wahrheit

## Zur Geschichte der Mennoniten.

Das Ende des siebenzehnten Jahrhunderts fiel in eine er eignizreiche Zeit. Das berühmte Edikt von Nantes, im Jahre 1598 von Heinrich IV. zu Gunsten der Hugenotten und Protestantenten erlassen, wurde am 23ten October 1685 von Ludwig XIV. widerrufen. Dem Widerruf dieses Edikts folgte eine der schrecklichsten Verfolgungen, unter welchen Frankreich jemals zu leiden hatte. Wie uns die Geschichte erzählt, flohen damals, obgleich die Grenzen sorgältig bewacht wurden, über 500,000 Hugenotten nach der Schweiz, Holland, England und Amerika. Die Unglücklichen waren eifriger zu entfliehen, als die Knechte des Tyrannen, sie zurückzuhalten.

In dieser verhängnisvollen Zeit wurden die Mennoniten in der Schweiz verfolgt und in verschiedene Länder getrieben. Viele flüchteten sich in das Elsaß, oberhalb Straßburg, andere nach Holland u.s.w., wo sie ein einfaches und müsterhaftes Leben führten, auf dem Lande als Bauern, in den Städten als Handwerker, indem ihre erhabenen und reinen Glaubensgrundsätze, die sie in einem heiligen Lebenswandel an den Tag legten, sie über jede Anschuldigung wegen unsittlicher Handlungen erhoben. Viele, welche bei Straßburg lebten, und eine Anzahl Hoch- und Niederdeutscher wanderten auf die Errichtung von William Penn, um das Jahr 1683 nach Pennsylvania aus, wo sie sich besonders an einem nach ihnen genannten Platze (Mennantown) niederließen. Dieses war die erste Mennoniten Ansiedlung in Ameriko.

Im Jahre 1709 verließ wiederum eine ansehnliche Menge Mennoniten von Straßburg aus, wohin sie aus ihrer Heimat geflohen waren, nach Amerika aus, um eine Zufluchtsstätte vor den Verfolgungen zu finden. In ihrer Heimat wurden sie von einem annähernden Herrscher verfolgt, der sich der Größe seiner Macht rühmte und überall die Verehrung hinderte, die der Mensch seinem Schöpfer schuldet, und der sich bemühte, die Menschen zu zwingen, der Pflicht, die ihnen durch das Gewissen vorgeschrieben ist, abtrünnig zu werden.

Auch den Mennoniten, die sich nicht entschließen konnten ihre religiösen Grundsätze um irdische Vortheile zu opfern, wurde die Anbetung Gottes gemäß der Stimme ihres Ge-

wissens nicht mehr ungestört erlaubt. Viele Vorfahren derer, die sich zuerst in diesem Lande niedergelassen hatten und deren direkte Nachkommen jetzt noch die Ländereien besitzen, die jene damals gekauft und urbar gemacht hatten, waren enthauptet worden. Andere in das Gefängniß geworfen und aus ihrer Heimath verbannnt. Wir nennen hier aus einer großen Anzahl solcher Falder Hans Landis, von Zürich in der Schweiz Hans Miller, Hans Jacob Heß, Rudolph Bachmann, Ulrich Miller, Oswald Landis, Barbara Reiss, Hans Meylin und seiner zwei Söhne. Diese alle duldeten während der Jahre 1638 bis 1643.

Um das Jahr 1706 oder 1707 begab sich eine Anzahl der verfolgten Schweizer Mennoniten nach England, und schlossen mit William Penn in London einen besonderen Vertrag ab, über Ländereien, die sie in Pennsylvania von ihm in Besitz bekamen. Auch einige Familien aus der Pfalz, Nachkommen der unglücklichen Schweizer, wanderten um das Jahr 1709 nach Amerika aus, und ließen sich in Lancaster County nieder.

Die Zahl der Mennoniten-Gemeinen in den Ver. Staaten wird auf etwa 400 geschätzt, mit 250 Predigern und ungefähr 60,000 Mitgliedern. Hierin sind die von Canada nicht inbegriffen, wo dieselben ebenfalls sehr zahlreich sind. Die Zahl der Prediger ist ohne Zweifel zu niedrig angegeben, indem es nur wenige Gemeinen gibt, die nicht wenigstens einen Prediger haben, während eine große Anzahl Gemeinen mehrere hat.

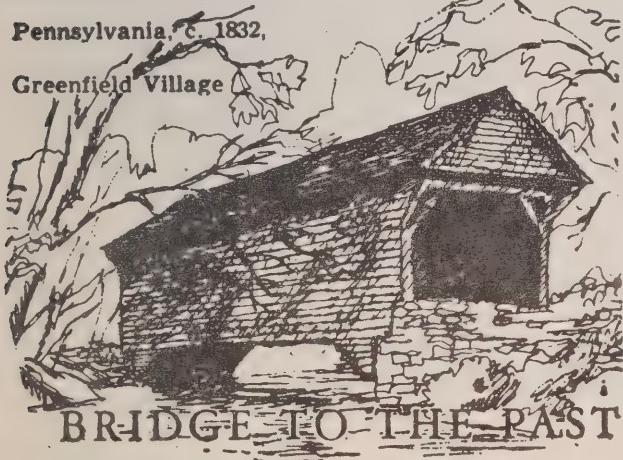
## Die unvergänglichen Güter.

Ein weiser Mann ermahnte seine Kinder, doch ja etwas Tüchtiges zu lernen. Denn sagte er — auf die Güter dieser Welt, auf Reichtum, Macht und Gewalt, ist nicht zu bauen. Höhe und Ansehen, welche du in deiner Vaterstadt besitzest, folgen dir außerhalb der Mauern nicht nach; Gold und Silber ist auf Reisen vielen Gefahren ausgesetzt; ein Räuber kann es wegnehmen, oder man kann es verzehren und sonst durchbringen. Weisheitlichkeit hingegen ist eine beständige und nie versiegende Quelle. Wenn ein Künstler, der etwas Tüchtiges gelernt hat, auch Hab und Gut verliert; so braucht er sich deswegen nicht unmöglich zu betrüben; denn seine Kunst, die ihm nicht abhanden kommen kann, ist ihm Reichtum

genug. Außer dem wird ein Kunstscheerer und geschickter Mensch, wo er hinkommt, geliebt und geehrt. Andern vorgezogen und obenangezeigt. Ein unwissender und ungeschickter Mensch hingegen, der sich auf Nichts ernstlich gelegt hat, wird seinen Fuß nirgends mit Vergnügen hinsetzen können; er wird betteln gehen und alles Ungemach erdulden müssen. Es ist schwer, erst im Überflusse zu leben, und dann Not und Mangel zu leiden: erst hoch zu sitzen, und sich dann in Niedrigkeit verspotten zu lassen; das schmerzt, das thut weh! —

Einst entstand zu Damaskus ein Aufruhr. Die Einwohner der Stadt wurden vertrieben und mußten, in die weite Welt zerstreut, ihre Nahrung suchen. Die Kinder der gemeinsten Leute, die Extras gelernt hatten, wurden in andern Gegenden zu hohen Ehrenstellen befördert, und über Land und Leute gesetzt; die Kinder der Vornehmen hingegen, die sich blos auf das Ansehen und Geld ihrer Väter verlassen hatten, mußten in den umherliegenden Dörfern betteln gehen. Willst du das Erbtheil deines Vaters genießen, so mußt du dich auch nicht weigern, deines Vaters Weisheit und Geschicklichkeit zu erwerben; sonst kannst du dein väterliches Erbe wohl in 10 Tagen durchbringen.

#### Ackley Covered Bridge.



Submitted by Barbara Schmidt

#### BRIDGE TO THE PAST

A lump of clay can turn out to be almost anything, depending on the skill and artistry of the hands that hold it. But in the hands of the pioneer American potter, the clay had of necessity to turn into something useful: storage vessels and tableware.

The pioneer potter usually divided his time between farming and potting—or, shopkeeping and potting. His strictly utilitarian wares were cumbersome and rugged, made of local clays in home workshops equipped with homemade kiln and foot-pedaled wheel. The supply was intended first for the potter's own family, then for neighbors. Potting was sometimes a family affair, extending through several generations.

This in-home pottery phase gradually moved into a second period—that of a thriving industry. The first commercial potter is not known, but by the mid-17th century, there were many potteries in the eastern colonies. As the population moved into the midwest,

potteries sprang up there, too, mostly influenced by the settlers' German and English potting traditions. All were small by today's standards, but some were large for that time. One had all of six wheels.

Mass-produced inexpensive wares were sold in local shops, or peddled door-to-door, or sent by boat as far south as New Orleans.

When wares became plentiful enough to meet utilitarian needs, potters began giving artistic expression to pottery. Often their quaint designs reflected patriotic events or sayings of the day. Thus, American pottery slowly passed into a third period, becoming an art.

Many excellent examples of American pottery are displayed in the Henry Ford Museum, Dearborn, Michigan. Here, much of the pottery can be evaluated for what it is: folk art representing the pioneers' need for beauty. Here, too, are later-day wares of "white Chiney" and porcelain. By 1765, some American potters were turning out ware fine enough for affluent colonists, thus cutting in on England's lucrative market, particularly in the social capital of Philadelphia.

Outstanding in the Museum's Street of early American Shops and in wall cases of the Decorative Arts Galleries are examples of various methods of pottery decorating: slip tracing, scratch-designing, and applied design. In front of the Pottery Shop, the Museum's potter works pretty much as did the pioneers, with a foot-pedaled wheel.

In a short Museum tour, visitors bridge 300 centuries of potting, from the strictly utilitarian, to decorative folk art, to the refinement of white china ware, reflecting the changing life-styles of America.

**EDITORIAL NOTE** — In a letter from Barbara Schmidt she shares with us a thought which could well be considered in our day regarding the article BRIDGE TO THE PAST. "Bridge to our past in our future or when we are gone. Will the bridge of our past be a light to the ones we leave behind or will some clouds lie on the horizon of our past?"

We are just a lump of clay on a potter's wheel. But we must be very careful who the potter is we choose so that we may be of use to others to help them in a righteous way, and not just an ornament that is useless. This we can only do with the help of the best potter, who resides above us. The lumps of clay need not be fancy on the outside, but the inside must be clean and smooth, free from dirt and dust, no hidden cracks harboring germs. So must our inside (heart and mind) be, no hidden sins or our soul may crumble like a bowl with cracks and crevices.

Are we inclined to try to find a more modern potter and try to fit our lump of clay to it. We will notice in our article that most of the items the potter turned out are just ornamental and useless. It is feared that excess placement of these in a home must be judged as idols. Now, as time goes on and years pass by, our life is constantly being shaped, formed or molded by someone. What will our position be at the Great Judgement Day when we stand before our Maker, the Great Potter.

J. B.

## From FAMILY ALMANAC, 1871

### THE RETURNING ANSWERS.

Hear the story of the child which went forth into the mountain revine. Whilst the child wandered there, he called aloud to break the loneliness, and heard a voice which called to him in the same tone. He called again, and, as he thought, the voice again mocked him.Flushed with anger, he rushed to find the boy who insulted him, but found none. He then called out to him in anger, and with all abusive epithets—all of which was faithfully returned to him. Choking with rage, the child ran to his mother, and complained that a boy in the woods had abused and insulted him with many vile words. But the mother took her child by the hand, and said: "My child, these names were but the echoes of thine own voice. Whatever thou didst call was returned to thee from the hillside. Hadst thou called out pleasant words, pleasant words had returned to thee. Let this be thy lesson through life. The world will be the echo of thine own spirit. Treat thy fellows with unkindness and they will answer with unkindness; with love, and thou shalt have love. Send forth sunshine from thy spirit, and thou shalt never have a clouded day; carry about a vindictive spirit, and even in the flowers shall lurk curses. Thou shalt receive ever what thou givest, and that alone." Always, said the speaker, is that child in the mountain passes—and every man and every woman is that child.

## From FAMILY ALMANAC, 1871

### SLANDER.

It seems a little thing to slander our neighbor, to repeat all the harm we have heard of him, to whisper away reputation, and stab him in the dark. Yet it is a great matter to him, though a small thing to us. We can never know the amount of repeating all the harm of him that we have heard. The human heart is prone to slander, and we should watch ourselves carefully when we find that we are about to speak of our neighbors. We heard a lady once say, "I make it a rule never to repeat anything bad that I hear of another! I am resolved that I will never take part in injuring any one." What a wise resolve! Would that all made it the golden rule of their life. How much misery would be spared, how much more kindly would be our intercourse with each other. Why, the world would be like Eden without the serpent. But instead of hiding the evil that we have heard, how eagerly we spread it; how we gloat over the story; how glad we are to pour it into the ears which open so gladly to receive it. Deprive us of all that great staple of conversation, slander, and some of us would be at a loss what to talk about. Would that we were only as anxious to tell the good we know of our acquaintances as we are to tell the bad; what a charming thing society really would be. There are people to whom slander is the very breath of their life; social spiders, hideous and venomous in secret, and in darkness they weave their webs of distraction. They are a curse to society, a cancer to their friends, and a disgrace to themselves.



### GRANDPA'S READERS

The following articles were submitted by an ex-teacher, Sarah (Kauffman) Glick. Should any reader have favorite Reader stories, poems, songs, or school history items, send them to Mrs. Christ B. Glick, R1, Smoketown, Pa. 17576.

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### WHAT I LIVE FOR

1. I live for those who love me.  
Whose hearts are kind and true,—  
For the Heaven that smiles above me,  
And awaits my spirit too;—  
For all human ties that bind me,  
For the task my God assigned me,  
For the bright hopes left behind me,  
And the good that I can do.
2. I live to learn the story,  
Who suffered for my sake;  
To emulate their glory,  
And follow in their wake;—  
Bards, patriots, martyrs, sages,  
The noble of all ages  
Whose deeds crown History's pages,  
And time's great volume make.
3. I live to hail that season,  
By gifted minds foretold,  
When man shall live by reason,  
And not alone by gold;—  
When man to man united,  
And every wrong thing righted,  
The whole world shall be lighted,  
As Eden was of old.
4. I live for those who love me,  
For those who know me true,—  
For the Heaven that smiles above me,  
And awaits my spirit too;—  
For the cause that lacks assistance,  
For the wrongs that need resistance  
For the future in the distance  
And the good that I can do.

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A THRILLING INCIDENT.

In the Fall of eighteen hundred fifty-eight, a man by the name of Wilson, made a voyage in a balloon. He went up from Centralia, Illinois, and, after sailing about twenty miles from the place where he started, landed, just before sunset, near the farm-house of Mr. Harvey.

Mr. Harvey and his family, who had never before seen a balloon, wondered what it was; and they were very much frightened when they saw it coming down.

so near their house. As soon as it touched the ground, Mr. Wilson made it fast to a rail-fence, and then went into the house.

He told Mr. Harvey and his family how the balloon was constructed, and how long a journey he had made in it during the past few hours. He then asked them to go and look at it, promising to explain it more fully.

After viewing it a short time, Mr. Harvey seated himself in the car, and Mr. Wilson let him go up a few yards, and then drew him down again, by means of a long rope attached to the balloon. He was so much pleased with the ride, that the children wanted to take a ride, too.

He therefore placed two of his children, Martha and Jacob, in the car, Martha was about eight years of age, and Jacob not quite three. He then took hold of the rope; but, by some means, it slipped from his hands, and the balloon went off with the children,—up, up, almost out of sight.

A sudden cry of horror burst from the lips of the agonized father and mother, as they saw their dear children stretch out their little hands, and heard their piteous appeal, "Pull me down, father! Pull me down, father!" A period of more intense agony to the parental heart, can scarcely be imagined!

The frantic parents could render them no assistance. They prayed that God would protect and save their dear children, although they had but little hope of ever again seeing them alive. They feared they would fall out of the car, and be dashed to pieces.

Messengers were sent in every direction to convey the sad intelligence, and the alarm spread widely. Men and boys rallied to scour the country, and search the woods, in hopes of finding the lost children. It was a night of intense excitement wherever the sad news was heard.

It was now past seven o'clock. Darkness soon came on, and the balloon and children could no longer be seen. They were sailing away up among the dark clouds, nearly four miles and a half from the earth, and they were very cold.

They cried for a long time; but when they found no help, Martha tried to console her little brother. She told him to lie down in the car, and then she spread her apron over him to keep him warm. He soon fell asleep; but she kept awake all night. Oh, what a long dreary night it must have been to the poor girl, who had never before spent a night away from home!

She found that, by pulling one of the cords, the balloon would descend, and when she let go the cord, it would rise again. So she kept hold of the cord, and the balloon came down so near the earth, that she could hear the roosters crow, although it was yet dark.

Presently the balloon descended so low, that it became entangled among the limbs of a tree, near the house of Mr. Atchinson, where it stuck fast. Martha remained quiet until daylight, and then called for help. Mr. Atchinson, hearing the piteous voice of a little child, arose from his bed, and went to the door to see what was the matter.

What was his astonishment, when he saw a large balloon on the top of one of his trees, with two little children in it! As soon as Martha saw him, she called out, "Come and take us down; we are most froze!"

Mr. Atchinson roused his family, and sent for the neighbors. They set up a long ladder by the side of the tree, and, by cutting away some of the limbs, succeeded in reaching the children, who were brought down, and placed safely on the ground.

Mr. Atchinson took the children into his house, and gave them their breakfast. The little girl told him her name, where she lived, and how she and her little brother came there, after sailing all night in the car of the balloon. A messenger was immediately dispatched to convey the joyful tidings to the afflicted parents.

Hundred of people, who had assembled to console the afflicted father and mother, sent up a shout of joy, at the welcome news of the children's safety. Mr. Harvey resided about eighteen miles distant, and it was late in the afternoon when Mr. Atchinson arrived with the children.

O, what joy and gratitude filled the hearts of those anxious parents as they clasped their dear children in their arms! They thanked Mr. Atchinson again and again for his kindness, and sent up a fervent prayer and thanksgiving to that kind Providence, who had so graciously preserved their children in that perilous situation, and restored them to their embrace.

#### REGINA, THE GERMAN CAPTIVE;

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Many a time did John Hartman thank God for having given him such an excellent companion. And well he might; for it was she, in a great measure, had made him what he then was; her mild and amiable disposition had a powerful influence upon him. What a rich blessing a pious wife is to a family! It is a hard thing for a wicked husband to resist the holy and calm influence of a pious wife.

George was a fine, large boy, past fifteen, and was a great help to his father; for he could plough and harrow, and drive the team, and chop wood, and, as he was brought up to labor, he was as willing to work as he was able. Barbara, too, was a fine, hardy girl, and a great comfort to her mother; she could knit, and sew, and spin, and sometimes even did the baking. But Regina was the flower of the flock. She was just turned of ten years, but was quite large for her age. She was a beautiful girl—indeed, one seldom sees a more beautiful creature in town or country than she was. It is a pity that she lived before the art of daguerreotyping was discovered, or before the sun had got to be a portrait-painter, or we should have had a picture of this mountain maid in this book. In those days none but the rich people had their portraits and miniatures taken. But, fortunately, in my youth I was acquainted with a number of old people in Berks county who had known Regina Hartman well and recollects how she looked. She had a well-

formed body, neither corpulent nor slender, and fine, round, faultless head, covered with a profusion of soft, wavy, light auburn hair; a bright hazel eye; a Grecian nose; a mouth of exquisite mould; a fair, transparent skin, and her cheeks rivalled the richest carmine of the new-blown rose. She was full of life and animation, always cheerful and happy. When she strolled—as she sometimes did—through the dense forests, and exercised her lungs in singing, she seemed like a sylvan fairy. Her voice sounded delightfully under the arched foliage of the lofty pines. When George was engaged with his father, the girls, Barbara and Regina, had to hunt the cows in the deep forests that surrounded their father's house. On one occasion they had gone farther into the forest than usual. They heard a noise in the thick underwood; and, on going nearer, they saw a great bear with two cubs. They were dreadfully alarmed. Little Christian, as usual, had followed them. Barbara ran with all her might, never thinking of her little brother. But not so Regina; she caught the child, and carried it along until they were safe. She was a heroine.

On another occasion Regina lost herself. She had gone for whortleberries, and, not thinking much, she went beyond her range, or away from the grounds with which she was acquainted. It was late in the afternoon. At first she did not know she was lost, but wandered on, and on, and on, thinking she was going toward home; and all the while she was going farther away. But when night began to settle down upon the dense forest, oh, how horrible were her feelings! She cried aloud; but no sound save her own echo reached her ears. Poor child! what should she do or where should she go? She pushed on through the thick underwood as fast as she could, and the darkness was increasing every moment. At length, overcome by fright and fatigue, she determined to lie down. It was now so dark in the thick laurel-bushes that she could not see any thing around her. Poor girl! she was in a bad way. She sat down by the root of a large oak-tree, on an elevated moss-covered root; there she sat, thinking of home and her sad condition. The wolves, too, were howling around her. At length she felt sleepy; and, as she had been taught never to go to sleep without saying her prayers, she knelt down by the side of the great oak, and, lifting up her little heart to God, she said all the sweet little prayers she had been taught, and then commanded herself into the hands of God and laid down to sleep. She was soon in a sound sleep. There she lay upon the soft moss, and, as she was a good and pious child, we may well imagine that the angels of the Lord encamped round about her and watched over this defenceless little one. The same Almighty Being who had closed the mouths of the lions in the den where Daniel was, and caused an angel to slay in one single night one hundred and eightyfive thousand of the Assyrian host of the impious Sennacherib, could he not commission his angels to watch over this lost child in the forest? But we will let the poor lost child sleep upon her soft mossy bed, with the assurance that He who has numbered the hairs of

our head, and without whose notice not even a sparrow falls to the ground, will watch over her. Sleep on, sweet child; God's eye guards thee. Let us now return to the house.

John Hartman and his son George had started to the mill that day with a grist; and, as they had to wait until it was ground, they did not get home until late in the evening. Wasser, too, had gone along, for he always went with the wagon. About sundown Mrs. Hartman became uneasy about Regina. She questioned Barbara and Christian very closely about her, and could learn nothing more than that they had all gone out to the whortleberry-bushes together about the middle of the afternoon, and that Regina had her little basket nearly full of whortleberries when they last saw her, up near the large chestnut-tree, from which father had once shot a bear. They saw her picking whortleberries and going toward the run; and, as they had their baskets full, they waited a long time for her at the big chestnut-tree. And when she did not come, Barbara went out far into the woods and called as loud as she could, but got no answer. She then concluded that Regina went round by the grape-vines and had gone home. As soon as the mother heard this, she ran out to the barn, calling Regina, and looking all round for her, thinking that perhaps she might have been very tired and laid down to sleep; but no Regina was to be found. She then ran up to the great chestnut-tree, calling all the while with all her might. She then returned to the house, and sat down and cried for her poor lost child! It was now getting dark, and John Hartman was not at home, and what was to be done she did not know. At one time she thought she would plunge right into the forest, and not give up until she had found her lost child; but then she was not acquainted with the forest, and might lose herself and not find her child. If only John and George were at home! While thus perplexed, and not knowing what to do, the children heard the rattling of the wagon. She could not wait until John got into the house, but ran out and told him that Regina was lost. John was not much alarmed, for he knew he could find her. So he went into the house, and told George to ungear the horses and turn them into the meadow. When he was in the house he told his wife to get him a stocking belonging to Regina—one that had not been washed since she had worn it. She wondered what he wanted with a stocking, but she gave him one.

"Now," says he, "come, George, we will eat a piece, and give Wasser a piece also, and we will soon find our little lost girl, who is, no doubt, asleep somewhere among the pine-trees."

John took his rifle along, and George took some fat pine-knots, so that they could strike up a fire if necessary.

"Now," says he, "come, George and Wasser; and you have the supper ready," (addressing his wife,) "and we will soon come back with Regina."

He took the direct route to the great chestnut-tree. It was now near nine o'clock. When he got into the forest he found it much darker than he had supposed.

At first he had some difficulty in getting along; but as his pupils dilated he could see better. It was a clear, starlight night. When he came to the great chestnut-tree he stopped, and called Wasser to him, and talked to him as he would to a man. Wasser sat down on his haunches, and looked very grave, and seemed to listen to every thing that was said.

"Now, Wasser, Regina is lost, and you must find her." Wasser wagged his tail, which seemed to indicate that he understood his master. John then took Regina's stocking, and put it to Wasser's nose.

"Now," says he, "such 'em out—such 'em out!"

Wasser understood the matter now,—and, putting his nose to the ground, ran all around the tree, until he fairly got on Regina's track. As soon as he got the scent of the stocking, he gave one loud yell and started off up the hill.

"There," says John Hartman, "Wasser is on the track, and the child is safe! I have never known that dog to give a false alarm."

John Hartman and his son followed. Every now and then Wasser would give a sharp yell, which enabled them to keep on the trail. They passed on mile after mile, until they thought they were about four miles from home. At last they heard the well-known double yell of Wasser, nearly half a mile off.

"There she is," says John; "he has found her! Thank God, the child is found. She must have been much bewildered to go so far from home. We must keep down to the right; there, don't you hear?"

But now let us look at Regina. She fell into a sound sleep, but it did not last long; the howling of the wolves and the thoughts of home disturbed her slumbers. She had just awoke when she heard the first yell of Wasser. She did not know the voice of her faithful companion, but thought sure enough the wolves were now coming upon her. She was dreadfully alarmed; nearer, and still nearer came the sound. Then she heard the brushwood trampled under the feet of the approaching wolf. Deep horror almost froze her very vitals; she screamed, but had not power to flee. The next mement the faithful dog was there, and jumped with his forefeet upon her, but not, as she supposed, to tear her to pieces. It was only when she found that she was not torn to pieces that her thoughts began to return. And it was not until Wasser began to lick her hand that she knew him, and she then laughed through her tears and patted his shaggy head. Wasser now ran back a short distance and barked. This brought Hartman and George to the spot. When Regina heard their voices she knew that she was found. The father, too, was rejoiced, and George lighted a pine-knot, and they retraced their steps. The dim outline of a mountain-ridge, which Hartman could occasionally see, enabled him to keep the direct course home. It was nearly twelve o'clock when they returned; and I need not inform you that there was great rejoicing in that house that night. It was as if the dead were alive and the lost were found. The mother wept for joy, and kissed Regina over and over again. That night John Hartman read in his family devotions the first part of the fifteenth chapter

of Luke, the parable of the lost sheep, and made some appropriate remarks, especially on the seventh verse. So, after eating a good supper, they all retired to rest, thinking of the wonderful providence of God that had restored their lost child. Wasser had always been a great favorite in the family, but by his exploit that night he had endeared himself more than ever to the whole family. John Hartman often said he would rather lose the best horse on the farm than to lose Wasser. And no wonder; who would not love such a noble dog?

Nothing remarkable occurred in the family for some time. The children were obedient to their parents and improved from day to day, and the parents thanked God for giving them such excellent children. Such was the happiness of the Hartman family, and so much were they pleased with their new home in America, that Germany was fast fading from their minds. They were indeed a happy family. How delightful it is to see a happy family in this jarring and discordant world!

Things prospered wonderfully in the hands of Hartman and his industrious family. The house was much improved and furnished with many comforts; the barn, too, was enlarged; and the well-cultivated fields groaned under the heavy weight of the golden harvests. John Hartman looked with pleasure at his fat, sleek horses, and his well-fed cows, and his plentiful crops, and wished in his heart that many of his poor neighbors in Germany, who he knew were often destitute of bread, could also be his neighbors in America. If all the German and Irish emigrants were as sober and industrious as John Hartman, there would not be so many paupers among them. But, alas! many who come to this country become indolent and intemperate, and of course remain poor and miserable all their lives; and their coming here does not improve their condition.

But we must pass on. When all things were prosperous in the Hartman family, and a long and happy future seemed to be before them, God in his wisdom and wonderful providence permitted a terrible calamity to fall upon them,—such a dreadful calamity as few families are ever called upon to suffer. But, as the ways of God are past finding out, and as he is too wise to err and too good to afflict his people unnecessarily, we must conclude that all he does or permits is for the best.

Piety, however fervent and genuine, will not exempt us from the afflictions of life. All our afflictions are said to be mercies in disguise. Well may we exclaim, in the beautiful language of Cowper,—

"God moves in a mysterious way,

His wonders to perform;  
He plants his footsteps in the sea,  
And rides upon the storm!

"Deep in unfathomable mines  
Of never-falling skill,  
He treasures up his bright designs,  
And works his sov'reign will."

to be continued

Chapter IV — The Dreadful Calamity that fell upon the Hartman Family

## REGINA, THE GERMAN CAPTIVE:

or,

## TRUE PIETY AMONG THE LOWLY.

By Rev. R. Weiser.

Continued from last month

### Chapter III - Life in the New Home

Let us now look more minutely at this pious and interesting German family in the wilderness.

The family, as we have already stated, consisted of the father, the mother, and four children,—viz.: George, the eldest, aged about fifteen years, but was large and stout for his years; Barbara, aged about thirteen; Regina, aged about ten, and little Christian, aged about four and a half. Regina was the pride of the family. Mrs. Hartman sometimes playfully boasted that Regina took after her family; while John would insist upon it that she was a Hartman out and out.

It was a source of great pleasure to these pious parents—and they often thanked God for it—that their children were all sound in body and well-formed, and had all their senses in perfection. They were all dedicated to God in holy baptism, when they promised to bring them up in the fear and admonition of the Lord; and how faithfully they attended to this duty the sequel will show. There were, of course, no schools in their neighborhood, and the parents had to instruct them as well as they could during the long winter evenings. George and Barbara had gone some to school in Germany, and Regina had learned to read, and little Christian could say his letters and spell a little. They were all carefully taught the Lutheran Catechism, and were also taught to sing and to pray. They were also early taught to work and thus to make themselves useful. They knew nothing about idleness, which is so often the cause of mischief and bad habits. They had their little German

plays, and remembered many little stories which they had heard in Germany, and sometimes their kind mother would tell them one. They were brought up well, and early taught to obey their parents. They always spoke the truth, and never denied any thing they had done. They were early taught, too, to remember that God, who, though he dwells in the heavens, beholds all the thoughts and actions of little children as well as grown persons. This had an excellent effect upon their young and tender minds. It was this thought that made them such good children and saved them from so many sins which most children commit.

In order as much as possible to root out of their naturally depraved hearts that inbred selfishness which is the lot of every fallen child of Adam, the pious parents tried to instill into their young and tender hearts sentiments of generosity, love, and benevolence. Even little Christian had his natural selfishness so far overcome that he would share his last crust of bread with Wasser, the faithful house-dog. If one of the children would happen to find a fine lot of wild strawberries, or raspberries, or grapes, or any other kind of fruit, he would be sure to bring them home and share with the rest. And when they had any work to do, the one would not put the most labor on the other, but each one would do his or her full part according to ability. If the cows has to be hunted in the forest, or the pigs, all wanted to go. Another very commendable trait in these children was, that they never quarrelled with each other,—not even in sport,—but loved each other, and were always kind and cheerful. Oh, what happy children they were! Would that all the children that read this book were like them. How different do we often find it among children of the same family! All children could be happy if they would do like these little German children of the woods. For these dear little children were by nature just like all other children.

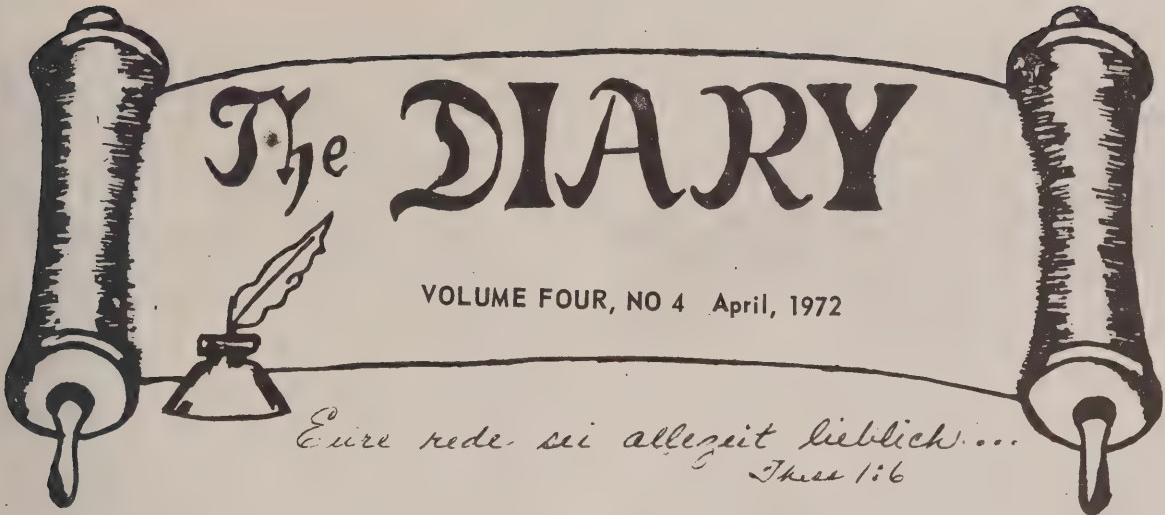
John Hartman, like most of his countrymen, was naturally passionate and of a hasty temper, and if the grace of God had not renewed his wicked heart he would have been, like the rest of them, ungovernable, and perhaps dangerous; but religion had changed the lion into the lamb. And his wife, Magdalena, was truly a model woman; she was always cheerful and happy . and even-tempered. Her bright and cheerful countenance always diffused joy and happiness around her. If you want to see a full-length portrait of this excellent German housewife, just look at the thirty-first chapter of Proverbs, and there you will find it. Her price was indeed far above rubies; the heart of her husband could safely trust in her; and, as it is in the German Bible, "Nourishment was never wanting in her house. She could make the spinning-wheel hum and buzz most merrily; her children were always warmly clad. She feared not the cold nor the snow. She opened her mouth in wisdom, and on her tongue was the law of kindness. She indeed did look well to her household, and ate not the bread of idleness. Her children called her blessed, and her husband praised her."

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### TWO PA. BOYS KILLED IN BUGGY-CAR CRASH

David S. Lapp, 18, son of John K. and Annie (Smucker) Lapp, Kinzers R1, Pa., and Elmer S. Riehl, 17, son of Christian L. and Mary (Stoltzfus) Riehl, Quarryville R3, Pa., were killed instantly in a two-car buggy crash near White Horse early Sunday morning, April 16. They were riding on the same buggy, along with three other boys, when a car driven by Christian S. Stoltzfus Jr., 20, of Gordonville R1, hit them from the rear and another car driven by Elam S. Riehl, 19, formerly of Kinzers R1, now serving his 82 at Shipshewana, Indiana, slammed into the Stoltzfus car. David and Elmer, who were good friends, attended a Saturday Evening gathering for young folks at the home of Christian Petersheim, Beuna Vista. After they left the Petersheim farm they had trouble, something happened to the buggy and they left the horse at the farm of Samuel Beiler. They started walking and were soon picked up by three boys, Jacob Peachy, son of Jacob Peachy, Gordonville R1, and Isaac and Jonathan, sons of Jonathan B. Fisher, Coatesville R2. David and Elmer were standing on the back of the buggy, it was very foggy at the time of the accident and the drivers of the cars were traveling at a high rate of speed. The other three boys in the buggy were hospitalized and only one of them was able to attend the funerals. (see obituaries)

### BISHOP BORNTRAGER DIES,

#### WAS MARRIED 67 YEARS

Noah C. Borntrager, 89, of R2, Sugarcreek, Ohio, who with his wife, Katie (Beachy) Borntrager, recently observed a 67th wedding anniversary, died Thursday morning, April 27, in his home after a brief illness. He was ordained a bishop in 1911 and at the time of death was second oldest in age and oldest in years of service as a bishop of the church.

(see obituary)

### PA. WOMAN HAD GOITER

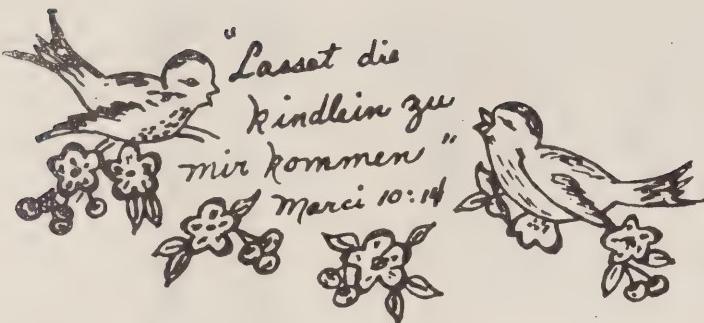
Annie, 49, wife of David F. Ebersol, Gordonville R1, Pa. died Tuesday, April 4. She had a goiter which closed her windpipe. Her husband found her on the porch at 5 a.m. gasping for breath, she was taken to Osteopathic Hospital where she died five hours later. (see obituary)

### FORMER PA. MAN DIED IN TENNESSEE

John B. Zook, 59, of Ethridge, Tennessee, son of Joseph F. Zook of Lancaster Co., Pa., died April 12. John was not a strong man, sickly from childhood, but with a little help did farming until about ten years ago when he started a watch and clock shop. His health failed more or less until the fall of 1971 when he had dropsy of the heart and was quite low, but improved enough that he was able to visit his sick dad. He lost ground again after that and was quite miserable and restless for some time with a very poor appetite. The last three weeks he got spells that he was very low and had trouble breathing. (see obituary)

### TWO-YEAR-OLD MISSING 1½ HOURS

Stevie, 2 years old, son of John K. and Lydia (Stoltzfus) Zook, Soudersburg, Pa., was the object of an intensive search around his home before he was found Sunday evening, May 7. He apparently wandered away after playing in the front yard of his home, then was discovered missing at about 8:45 p.m. Neighbors started to look for the boy. Gradually, the ranks of the volunteers swelled to nearly 100 searchers as firemen joined in the search. In addition, State and Township Police scoured the area. The missing toddler was found shortly after 10 p.m. by a neighbor in the neighbor's yard about 500 yards from the child's home. The boy was quickly reunited with his family, and the searchers called it a night.



## BIRTHS

## Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

- BEILER, Daniel E. (Lizzie B. Fisher) Christiana R1  
a son REUBEN F., April 21
- BEILER, Jonas M. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Strasburg R1  
a daughter MARY S., April 28
- BEILER, Menno S. (Miriam B. Fisher) Christiana R1  
a son ENOS F., April 18
- EBERSOL, Eli (Lydia Miller) Strasburg R1  
a daughter BARBARA M., April 1
- ESH, Daniel (Rebecca Glick) Intercourse  
a son STEPHEN R., April 3
- ESH, Reuben (Mary King) Gordonville R1  
a son, April 15
- FISHER, Benuel B. (Esther K. Fisher) Paradise R1  
a son ELAM RICHARD, April 26
- FISHER, Benuel S. (Arie E. Smucker) Ronks R1  
a daughter ARIE S., April 20
- FISHER, Elam F. (Emma S. Lapp) Ronks R1  
a daughter BARBARA L., April 18
- FISHER, Elam K. (Mary S. Blank) Quarryville R3  
a son DAVID K., April 13
- FISHER, Moses S. (Ide Beiler) Kirkwood R1  
a daughter NANCY B., April 24
- GLICK, Eli (Annie Esh) Leola R1  
a son DAVID E., April 5
- GLICK, Samuel (Katie Stoltzfus) Leola R1  
a son CHRISTIAN S., April 2
- KING, Aaron G. (Annie L. Beiler) 505 Mt. Sidney Rd.  
Lancaster, a daughter RUTH B., April 27
- LAPP, Eli K. (Katie S. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1  
a son ELMER S., April 14
- PETERSHEIM, Christian (Sarah King) Lancaster R4  
a son BENJAMIN K., April 4
- SMUCKER, Christian H. (Anne Stoltzfus) Ronks R1  
a daughter MARTHA JOY, April 26
- SMUCKER, David B. (Susie K. Beiler) Ronks R1  
a daughter SYLVIA B., April 18
- STOLTZFOOS, John L. (Elizabeth Riehl) Bird-in-Hand  
R1, a son SAMUEL R., April 16
- STOLTZFUS, Abner (Annie Fisher) Conestoga R1  
a daughter SADIE F., April 3
- STOLTZFUS, Abram B. (Katie B. Lapp) Oxford R1  
a daughter SUSIE, April 20
- STOLTZFUS, David K. (Priscilla Stoltzfus) Elverson  
R2, a daughter ANNA S., April 14
- STOLTZFUS, Elam E. (Priscilla Riehl) Gap R1  
a daughter MARY ANN, March 22  
(error in March issue)

- STOLTZFUS, Enos S. (Mary Stoltzfus) 2366 Horseshoe Rd., Lancaster, a daughter EMMA S., April 13
- STOLTZFUS, Ephraim K. (Rebecca B. Riehl) Narvon R2, a son EPHRAIM K. JR., April 21
- STOLTZFUS, Jesse L. (Lavina Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R2, a son JESSE, April 5
- STOLTZFUS, John S. (Lydia Esh) Gordonville R1  
a daughter SADIE E., April 22
- STOLTZFUS, Joseph B. (Mary R. Beiler) Christiana R1  
a son AMOS B., April 22
- STOLTZFUS, Levi Jr. (Fannie Kauffman) New Holland R2, a son BEN ALLEN, April 21
- STOLTZFUS, Reuben (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R1, a daughter MARY, April 1
- STOLTZFUS, Samuel F. (Lydia Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1  
a daughter ESTHER S., April 30
- STOLTZFUS, Stephen S. (Malinda S. Stoltzfus) Leola R1, a daughter PRISCILLA S., April 16
- ZOOK, Ephraim G. (Sarah S. Blank) Lititz R4  
a son LEVI B., April 15

## Franklin County, Pennsylvania

- ESH, Aaron K. (Betty Miller) Newburg R1  
a daughter ANNA MARY, April 20

## Juniata County, Pennsylvania

- PEACHEY, Ezra E. (Ada Hostetler) Mifflintown R2  
a son JACOB, April 23

## Centre County, Pennsylvania

- RIEHL, Moses (Lena Smucker)  
a daughter AARY MAE, April 12

## Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

- PEACHEY, Daniel N. (Susie Swarey) Belleville  
a son DANIEL N. JR.,

## Somerset County, Pennsylvania

- BRENNEMAN, Joseph E. (Edna Yoder) Meyersdale  
a daughter CORA, April 11

## St. Mary's County, Maryland

- BYLER, Henry (Lydia Hostetler) Mechanicsville  
a daughter MOLLY, April 28
- STOLTZFUS, Jacob (Sylvia Hertzler) Mechanicsville  
a daughter SARAH, April 24
- STOLTZFUS, Tobias (Katie Hostetler) Mechanicsville  
a daughter MARY, April 25
- YODER, Johnnie (Malinda Stoltzfus) Charlotte Hall  
a son DANIEL J., April 7

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**Adams County, Indiana**  
**BEACHY, Josiah (Becky Schwartz) Berne R2**  
 a daughter ANN, April 19  
**CHRISTNER, Samuel J. (Emma Girod) Monroe R1**  
 a son LEVI, April 6  
**GIROD, Samuel M. (Barbara Wengerd) Berne R2**  
 a daughter BARBARA, April 6  
**GRABER, Christ R. (Mattie W. Bontrager) Geneva R2**  
 a daughter MATTIE, April 3  
**HILTY, Samuel (Mary Jane Eicher) Berne R1**  
 a daughter MARIETTA, April 3  
**SCHWARTZ, Christ R. (Elma Hilty) Monroe R1**  
 a daughter ELMA, April 3  
**SCHWARTZ, John F. (Elizabeth Girod) Berne R1**  
 a daughter ELMA, April 12  
**TROYER, LaVern (Carol Hilty) Berne R1**  
 a daughter ANNA MAE, April 21  
**WICKY, David M. (Edith Eicher) Berne R2**  
 a son MENNO, April 28

**LaGrange County, Indiana**  
**BONTRAGER, Freeman (Mary Ellen Troyer) Topeka R1**  
 a son DELBERT LEE, April 5  
**EASH, Willis (Susie Kurtz) Topeka R2**  
 a son MERLIN RAY, April 13  
**KAUFMAN, Alfred (Katie Yoder) Middlebury R1**  
 a son JOE LA VON, April 15  
**MAST, Amos (Alma Schrock) Ligonier R3**  
 a daughter AMANDA SUE, March 30  
**MILLER, Ervin (Anna Marie Shrock)**  
 a son LONNIE JAY, April 13  
**YODER, Christie (Marlene Miller) Millersburg R1**  
 a son DANIEL RAY, April 16  
**YODER, Fred (Elsie Graber) LaGrange R1**  
 a daughter MARY ETTEA, April 15

**Arthur, Illinois**  
**MILLER, Omer (Fannie Marie Otto)**  
 a daughter LOUELLA, April 8  
**SCHLABAUGH, Harley (Marietta Bontrager)**  
 a son, April 25

**Buchanan County, Iowa**  
**BONTRAGER, Eddie (Annie Troyer) Hazleton**  
 a daughter KATIE, April 4  
**BONTRAGER, Floyd (Lizzie Kauffman) Fairbank**  
 a daughter LUCY, April 17  
**DETWEILER, Freeman Jr. (Susie Miller) Independence**  
 a son TOBIE, April 24  
**YODER, William (Katie Miller) Independence**  
 a son FREDDIE, April 4

**Jamesport, Missouri**  
**BONTRAGER, Mose (Mary Ellen Bontrager)**  
 a daughter KATIE ANN, April 9  
**STUTZMAN, Atlee E. (Ida Detweiler)**  
 a daughter ELIZABETH, April 9

**Aylmer, Ontario, Canada**  
**EICHER, Alva (Rosanna Wagler)**  
 a daughter LYDIA, April 30



The Pequea Diener Vorsammlung was held April 17 at the home of Deacon Tobias Stoltzfus, Kinzers R1, attended by 197, including Reuben Troyer from Centreville, Michigan.

#### ORDINATIONS

##### Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Ivan L. Fisher, 35, Christiana R1, Pa., was ordained minister in Kirkwood District, April 21. He is a son of David B. and the late Arie (Lapp) Fisher. His wife Katie is a daughter of Pre. Benjamin and the late Rachel Kauffman. With him in the lot were Henry Stoltzfus and Stephen Beiler.

Samuel K. Stoltzfus, 24, Kirkwood R1, Pa. was ordained minister in Kirkwood West District, April 29. He is a son of Stephen and Rachel Stoltzfus. His wife Lydia is a daughter of Pre. Israel M. and Nancy Beiler. With him in the lot were Aaron Lapp Jr., Samuel Beiler, Samuel Stoltzfus and Stephen Stoltzfus.

Daniel L. Stoltzfus, 38, Soudersburg, Pa. was ordained Deacon, April 28, in North East Upper Pequea District. He is the son of the late Isaac E. and Sarah Stoltzfus; his wife Arie is the daughter of Mary F. and the late Samuel B. Fisher. With him in the lot were Gideon B. Stoltzfus, Isaac S. Fisher, Stephen U. Fisher, Jonas E. Fisher, and Chester S. Stoltzfus.

##### LaGrange County, Indiana

On May 1 Roy W. Miller was ordained bishop in Henry N. Miller's North Barrens District. His wife Katie is a daughter of Moses D. and Lucy (Graber) Bontrager. Their address is R1, Middlebury, Ind.

##### Adams County, Indiana

Samuel Z. Wickey, Berne R2, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Wickey Sr., was ordained in Bishop Joseph J. Eicher District, April 10. He is married to Margaret U. Schwartz.

Neil E. Troyer, Berne R1, son of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Troyer was ordained in Bishop Joseph J. Eicher District, April 10. He is married to Elizabeth R. Yoder.

Dan H. Schwartz, Monroe R1, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schwartz, was ordained in Bishop Levi H. Schwartz District, April 16. He is married to Lucinda Wickey. With him in the lot was Nate Wickey.



## OBITUARIES

**Borntrager, Bishop Noah C.**, 89, Sugarcreek, R2, Ohio died Thursday morning, April 27, at his residence after a brief illness. He was born in Holmes County to the late Christ I. and Barbara (Yoder) Borntrager. He is survived by his wife, Katie (Beachy) Borntrager to whom he had been married for 67 years; two daughters, Anna Borntrager of Sugarcreek R1, and Mrs. Jonas D. (Mary Ann) Miller of Millersburg R5; four sons, Menno N. of Sugarcreek; Bishop Jonas N. of the home; Ben N. of Clark, Mo. and Henry N. of Tumbolt, Ill.; a brother, Jacob C. Borntrager of Constantine, Mich.; two half-brothers, Levi C. Borntrager and Milo C. Borntrager of Kalona, Iowa; 35 grandchildren; and 42 great-grandchildren. A daughter, two brothers, and a half-brother died previously.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Noah Coblenz. Burial was in Miller Cemetery.

**Ebersol, Mrs. Annie**, 49, Gordonville R1, Pa. wife of David F. Ebersol, died at Osteopathic Hospital at 10 a.m. Tuesday, April 4. She was admitted earlier in the day after being stricken at home. (See front page.) Her age was 49 years and 17 days. Born in Leacock Twp., she was a daughter of David K. and Hannah (Blank) Zook, Gordonville R1. In addition to her parents and husband, she is survived by the following six children at home, Lydia K., David Jr., Samuel Z., Amos Z., Hannah K., and Rachel Z., three sisters, Miss Rebecca Zook, Gordonville R1; Sarah, wife of Gideon Beiler, New Holland R2; and Fannie, wife of Tobias D. Stoltzfus, Rebersburg, Pa.; two brothers, Daniel Zook, Gordonville R1, and Amos Zook, Ronks R1.

Funeral services were held by Joseph B. King and Melvin Beiler; hymn was read by Bishop David Blank; at graveyard hymn was read by Samuel U. Fisher, abschied by Joseph F. Beiler. Pallbearers were 4 cousins, David Zook, Samuel Stoltzfus, Levi Stoltzfus, and David Ebersol; burial was at Millwood Cem.

## Keim, Daniel D., 52, Charm, Ohio

was found dead at his residence Tuesday evening, April 18. He was born in Charm, a son of the late Dan J. and Clara (Miller) Keim. Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth; a sister, Anna Keim, and a brother, Oren D., both of Charm. A sister died previously.

Funeral services were held at the Mose M. Miller residence, Millersburg R4, by Bishop Melvin A. Raber. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery, Clark Twp.

## Lapp, David S., 18, Kinzers R1, Pa.

was killed in a car-buggy crash Sunday morning, April 16. (See front page.) He was born in Salisbury Twp. a son of John K. and Annie (Smucker) Lapp. In addition to his parents, he is survived by the following brothers and sisters, Benuel S. Lapp, of Narvon R1; Rachel, wife of Samuel S. Smoker, of Ronks R1; Rebecca, wife of Samuel S. King, Kinzers RT; Lydia, wife of David S. Lapp, Paradise R1; Katie, wife of Henry Esh, Ronks R1; Malinda, wife of John D. Lapp, Ronks R1; and Anna, Sadie, John and Mary, all at home; also his paternal grandfather, Benjamin S. Lapp, of Leola R1.

Funeral services were attended by over 500 people and were held by Reuben Coblenz from Michigan, and John E. Lapp; Hymn was read by Amos E. Stoltzfus; burial was in Gordenville Cemetery where a hymn was read by Stephen Stoltzfus.

## Mast, Andrew S., 72, Fairbank, Iowa

died April 4 in Wayne Co., Ohio of a heart attack. He was born September 12, 1899 in Holmes County, Ohio, died at the age of 72 yr., 6 mo., 23 days. He was married to Maryann Stutzman November 25, 1920, who survives, lived in matrimony 51 yr., 4 mo., 10 days. To this union were born 5 sons and 3 daughters. Surviving in addition to his wife are 4 sons, 3 daus., 66 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren and 4 brothers and sisters. His father, mother, step-father, 1 son, 2 granddaughters, 1 great-grandson, 3 brothers, and 2 sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held in Ohio Thursday, April 6. Burial was in Iowa where funeral services were held Saturday, April 8, preaching by Eli Bontrager and Bishop John Nisly in the big house, and by Dave Gingerich from Clark, Mo., and John Yutzy in the little house.

## Mast, Elizabeth J., 83, Fredericksburg R2, Ohio

died Monday noon, April 3, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Levi (Susan) Troyer of Fredericksburg R2, following a lingering illness. She was born in Charm. Her husband, Mart J. Mast, died in 1968. She is survived by a son Abraham Mast of Phoenix, Ariz.; three daughters, Verna Mast of Fredericksburg R2, Mrs. Martha Wengerd of Winesburg and Mrs. Levi Troyer of Fredericksburg R2; a sister, Mrs. Malinda Keim of Millersburg R5; 15 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**Miller, Henry R., 60, of Baltic R1, Ohio**

died Saturday, April 8, after suffering an apparent heart attack. He was a carpenter and sawmill worker. He was preceded in death by his parents, Reuben Miller and Katie (Troyer) (Miller) Mast, and a brother. Surviving are his stepfather, Jacob J. Mast; two sisters and four brothers, Mrs. Dan P. (Elizabeth) Schrock, Mrs. William R. (Sarah) Yoder, Mose R. and Simon R. Miller of R5, Millersburg, Reuben R. of Holmesville, and Albert R. of R2, Dundee; three half-sisters and two half-brothers, Mrs. Eli Kline, Mrs. Raymond Weaver and Mrs. Melvin Miller of R5, Millersburg, Jacob J. Mast of Star Route, Millersburg, and Dan O. Mast of Pine Craft Fla., and a step-sister and three step-brothers, Mrs. Alvin Yoder of R2, Dundee, Andy J. Mast of Holmesville, Moses J. of Plain City and Eli J. of Benton.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Roman Miller. Burial was in the Miller family cemetery in Mechanics Township.

**Miller, Rose Mary, 1 year, of Topeka R2, Indiana**

daughter of John R. and Frieda Miller, died Monday morning, April 10, at 4:30 a.m. in the LaGrange Co. Hospital. She had been ill since birth, April 25, 1971. Surviving with the parents are the grandparents, Mrs. John S. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. Monroe J. Miller, all of Topeka R2; three brothers, Orville, Richard and Homer, and five sisters, Retha Ann, Louella, Vera, Carolyn and Dorothy, all at home. Funeral services were held by Bishop Amos N. Miller.

**Riehl, Elmer, 17, of Quarryville R3, Pa.**

was killed in a car-buggy crash Sunday morning, April 16. (See front page.) He was a son of Christian L. and Mary (Stoltzfus) Riehl. In addition to his parents he is survived by the following brothers and sisters, all at home, Anna 19, Jesse 14, Stevie 9, Melvin 8, and Barbara 6; also the paternal grandfather, Jesse Riehl, of New Holland R2; and the maternal step-grandmother, Mrs. Mary Stoltzfus, of Leola R1.

Funeral services were held at the home of Joel Zook, by Gideon B. Lapp and Stephen Esh; burial was in Georgetown Cemetery.

**Schrock, Anna (Bontrager), of Shipshewana R2, Ind.**

died April 9. She was the oldest daughter of the late Reuben and Elizabeth (Yoder) Bontrager and was born September 4, 1873, died at the age of 98 yr., 7 mo., and 5 days. On November 14, 1895 she was married to David S. Schrock. He preceded her in death on February 8, 1962. Lived in matrimony over 67 years and as a widow over 10 years. To this union three daughters were born, Polly (Mrs. Daniel J. Eash) who died October 6, 1967, Lizzie, wife of Mahlon D. Hostetler, and an infant daughter in 1912. Surviving are the daughter Lizzie, 21 grandchildren, 98 great-grandchildren, and 13 great-great-grandchildren, and one brother, Edward, of Topeka, Ind. Preceding her in death are the husband, 2 daughters, one sister and six brothers, and her parents.

Funeral services were held April 12 in the Ervin Eash home by Perry M. Yoder and Bishop Ervin R. Bontrager; burial was in Yoder Cemetery.

**Yoder, Mrs. Melinda, 43, Sugarcreek R2, Ohio**

wife of Eli L. Yoder died Monday evening, April 3, at her residence after an 18-month illness. She was born on July 14, 1928, in Tuscarawas County, a daughter of Mattie (Schlabach) Beachy and the late Menno J. Beachy. In addition to her husband and mother, she is survived by two sons, Ferman of Sugarcreek R1 and Robert of the home; two daughters, Mrs. Eli (Martha) Weaver of Sugarcreek and Marilyn of the home; three brothers, John of Columbus, Ervin of Sugarcreek and Andy Beachy of Sugarcreek R1; four sisters, Mrs. Ben (Mabel) Troyer of Sugarcreek R2, Mrs. Andrew (Mary) Miller of Millersburg, Mrs. Roy (Esther) Yoder of Sugarcreek R1, and Mrs. Bert (Lydia) Hostetler of Sugarcreek R2, and 1 grandchild. Her father and two brothers died previously.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Noah Coblenz. Burial was in the Coblenz Cemetery.

**Zook, John B., 59, Ethridge, Tennessee**

died Wednesday, April 12. He had a bronchial condition similar to Asthma, lingering the last several months, and wasn't too well and strong for a long time (see front page). He was born October 29, 1912 and died at the age of 59 yr., 5 mo., 13 days. He was married November 25, 1937 to Mattie J. Hostetler. They have no children. He was a son of Joseph F. and the late Annie B. (Fisher) Zook and was born in Leacock Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa. along the Old Road, about a mile east of Intercourse where David Zook and his son Daniel now live. In addition to his wife and his aged, ailing father he is survived by one brother and two sisters, Leah, wife of Rudy S. Yoder, R2, Port Washington, Ohio, Jonathan L. married to Annie E. Hershberger, R2, Dalton, Ohio, and Emma, wife of Ura E. Miller, R1, Apple Creek, Ohio; and the following half brothers and sisters, Levi S., married to Mary E. Gingerich, R2, Ethridge, Tenn., Menno J., married to Susan A. Schrock, R1, Apple Creek, Ohio, Eli J., married to Emma E. Gingerich, R1, Apple Creek, Ohio, Annie, unmarried, Ethridge, Tenn., Caroline, wife of John M. Stutzman, R2, Chadsworth, Canada, Katie, wife of Joseph N. Stutzman, R1, Desboro, Canada, Daniel J., married to Katie J. Gingerich, R4, Chesley, Canada, Peter J., married to Mary D. Yoder, R2, Chadsworth, Canada, Joseph J., married to Katie Gingerich, R2, Ethridge, Tenn., and Noah J., married to Sarah N. Stutzman, Ethridge, Tennessee.

Funeral services were held in John's house by Mose A. Yoder and Bishop Eli N. Stutzman; in the farm house by Enos E. Gingerich and Moses D. Yoder. The body was in the wood shed while preaching and was viewed in the yard. Mose A. Yoder read Psalm 90 when the Freundschaft came out. Eli N. Stutzman read the hymn at the cemetery. Friends and neighbors sang "Gute Nacht" while the grave was being closed.

## 1972 April

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### CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

#### Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Rainfall for the Bareville area was 4.3 inches.

Market Report: High Choice Cattle sold \$37.25 Cwt.; Stockers and Feeders, 30.00 to 45.00; Veal, 54.00 to 74.00; Fat Hogs, 23.00 to 25.50; 40 lb. pigs, .54 per lb.; Spring Lambs, 38.00 to 45.00; Two loads of Canadian Cows sold at New Holland, 550.00 to 1350.00; Heavy Fowl, 7 to 16¢; Pullett, 22 to 30¢; Ducks, 35¢; Rabbits, 45 to 65 lb.; Guineas, 65¢; Pigeons (pair), .85 to 2.25; Large Eggs, 32¢ doz.; Potatoes, 2.50 Cwt.; Hay, 34.00 to 70.00 Ton; Straw, 35.00 to 43.00 Ton; Ear Corn, 42.00 Ton, 1.40 Bu.; Wheat, 1.50 Bu.; Barley, 1.15 Bu.; Oats, .95 Bu.

by Elam S. Beiler

Plowing not quite as far on as usual due to wet weather the last few weeks. Corn planting has started and rye fields are 2 feet high, wheat, 8 to 10 inches. Cows were turned to pasture latter part of month. Alfalfa fields seem to be thinner as some was frozen out. Fruit trees are blooming. Potatoes are being planted.

#### Juniata County, Pa., by David Y. Renno

The weather in Juniata Co. during April was wet and cold, about 4½ inches total rainfall, no snow, but many frosty mornings up until the 28th. No heavy rains at any time but scattered out with a shower about every third day. Not much oats was sown in April and fruit trees are late in blooming. The winter springs are still running strong. Pre. Seth Yoder is building a new barn to replace his little old yellow pine termite-infested barn he had. The new express-way, U.S. 22 and 322 between Thompsonstown and Lewistown is under construction, in three different contracts and progressing rapidly. Some of our local country roads are closed at this time while bridges are being built over them.

#### Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus

April came in sunny and springlike in this part of the country. But on Easter morning the ground was again covered with snow, and looked so pure and beautiful. We had snow flurries off and on the first week, also rain, with some 20 degree temperatures. Around the middle of the month we had thunder showers. It was a wet spring and is somewhat later than usual. Alfalfa and grass fields have started growing and oats was mostly sowed by the end of the month. There is still quite a bit of plowing to be done.

#### Snyder County, Pa., by Sam M. Troyer

We had better than 2½ inches of rain this month. It was 19 degrees on the 8th which was the coldest. We had three heavy frosts in a row the 26, 27, and 28th. But I don't think it hurt the fruit too much because it was so cool this month that the fruit trees bloomed very late, in fact the cherries aren't nearly in full bloom yet. They have bloomed as much as three weeks earlier other years.

#### Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine Swarey

April came in a most beautiful day with a snow storm at dusk, big round flakes like cotton balls. The next day was changeable, nice and sunny, then snow storms again. On April 8 the ground was covered with 2½ to 3 inches of snow but was all melted till evening. We also had 3½ inches of rain which delayed plowing and sowing oats. Lowest temperature was 16 degrees, also many beautiful, sunny days. Plowing is on the go again, also a good bit of oats sowed. Martins and bluebirds are back, so spring is surely here, it can be seen and heard and smelled. Pastures are a beautiful green due to the nice rains. Early garden vegetables such as peas, lettuce and onions are coming through. Many cool mornings, four frosty mornings the last week of April.

#### Somerset County, Pa., by Mary A. Kinsinger

Weather has been wet and cool. We had a white Easter but not much snow since. But we sure had our share of rain through April and quite a bit of thunder. Not much oats has been sown as of now. The grass is nice and green and growing fast. Birds have mostly returned and are singing. Some early gardens have peas and lettuce up while other gardens are still too wet to be planted.

#### St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

We had about three inches rain in April. Farmers have started planting corn, although a lot of plowing is still to be done. Potatoes are showing. Asparagus and lettuce are on the menu. Had some thunder-showers and a few hail showers, but generally an average spring. A beautiful time of the year. Woods are deepening in green, trimmed with white and pink dogwood blossoms.

#### Wayne County, Ohio, by Ray J. Yoder

A beautiful month, rain when we needed it, although it was cool some days. Coldest was 32 degrees, highest in the seventies. Most of the early garden things are out. Quite a few farmers have their oats planted. Everybody turned their clock forward one hour this morning. One lady from town said she's so glad her flowers get an hour more sunshine!

#### LaGrange County, Indiana, by Amos N. Miller

First week in April was nice spring-like weather. On April 3 we had one inch rain, then it turned cool and had quite a few drizzly days, so that field work had to be delayed. The temperature suddenly climbed

to 70 on April 12th then went down to 10 again the morning of the 14th. The last week was nice and most of the oats was put into the ground. Leaves are coming out.

#### Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hilty

April, 1972, was a cold and wet month, with over 8 inches of rain. It seemed the rain came in such a way that many people had basement flooding, who never had such trouble before. With the rain the weather was cold, lowest was 15 on the 8th, which was the coldest ever recorded that late in the month. Total snowfall for the season was 27.6 inches, but there was never more than 4 inches on the ground at one time. In some winters, snow is on the ground continuously for as much as 30 to 60 days. The snow this winter melted fast and there was snow on the ground for only 29 days from the first of November to the end of April. For the month of April the highest was 77 on the 18th, lowest was 15 on the 8th, rainfall was 8.8 inches, snowfall, 2 inches, 9 clear days, 13 partly cloudy, 8 cloudy, 10 rainy, and we had six thunderstorms.

#### Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

First to sixth was spring-like, damp but not much rain but thundered a few times. On the 7th the temperature was 82 at noon and by the morning of the 8th it was 18. The month was rather wet, having about three inches rainfall. Not much farming done.

#### Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

A cool April, good weather to work horses. Oats sown in due time, and most of the plowing done for corn. Pastures are slow coming out. Had ample rainfall for the month.

#### Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

We had many nice days this spring, not much rain till April 19th to 21st, then it rained about 2½ inches. Oats were mostly sowed in March. A few farmers planted corn before the rain. Most fields are too wet to work at present. Strawberries are starting to bloom.

#### Aylmer, Ontario, by Leroy Eicher

April was a rainy month. Sometimes it was quite cold.

#### COMMUNITY NOTE — Adams County, Indiana

Emanuel T. Schwartz, age 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ M. Schwartz, Berne R2, Indiana, fell in school on March 8 and broke his left leg in two places above the knee. It was badly broken. He was in the Van Wert Hospital, where he was put into a body cast, from his chest to his ankles. Was dismissed from the hospital March 18. He will have to be in bed 3 months, flat on his back. He is a Muscular Dystrophy patient. Mail will be welcome and appreciated. Send to above address.



#### MARRIAGES

##### LaGrange County, Indiana

Eicher, Smucker — Peter M. Eicher of Seymour, Missouri, and Annie, daughter of William and Fannie (Miller) Smucker, in April.

##### Arthur, Illinois

Jess, Plank — Andrew, son of Ervin and Sovilla (Kaufman) Jess, and Vera Mae, daughter of Jake and Lizzie (Yoder) Plank April 6

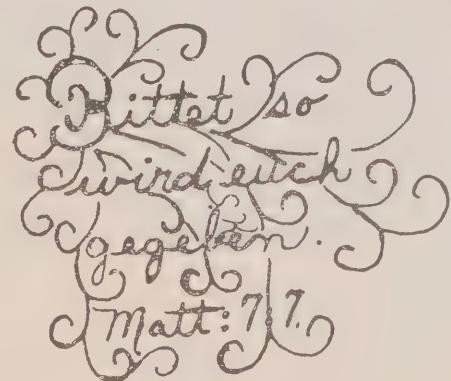
Yoder, Miller — Lester son of Ervin and Mattie (Jess) Yoder, and Marie, daughter of Jake and Edna (Miller) Miller, April 13.

Schrock, Mast — Ivan, son of Harve and Lucy (Yoder) Schrock, and Pauline, daughter of Fred and Anna (Schrock) Mast, April 18.

Miller, Jess — Widower Steve A. Miller and Widow Carrie (Yoder) Jess. April 25.

##### Adams County, Indiana

Schwartz, Schmucker — John S., son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Schwartz, Geneva R2, and Susanne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Schmucker, of LaGrange, on April 6.



#### MIGRATIONS

Pre. Jacob Stoltzfus and family moved from Adams Co., Pa. to Mechanicsville, St. Mary's Co., Md., on April 6.

John Esh Jr. and family moved from Littlestown, Adams Co., Pa. to Mechanicsville, St. Mary's Co., Maryland, on April 4.

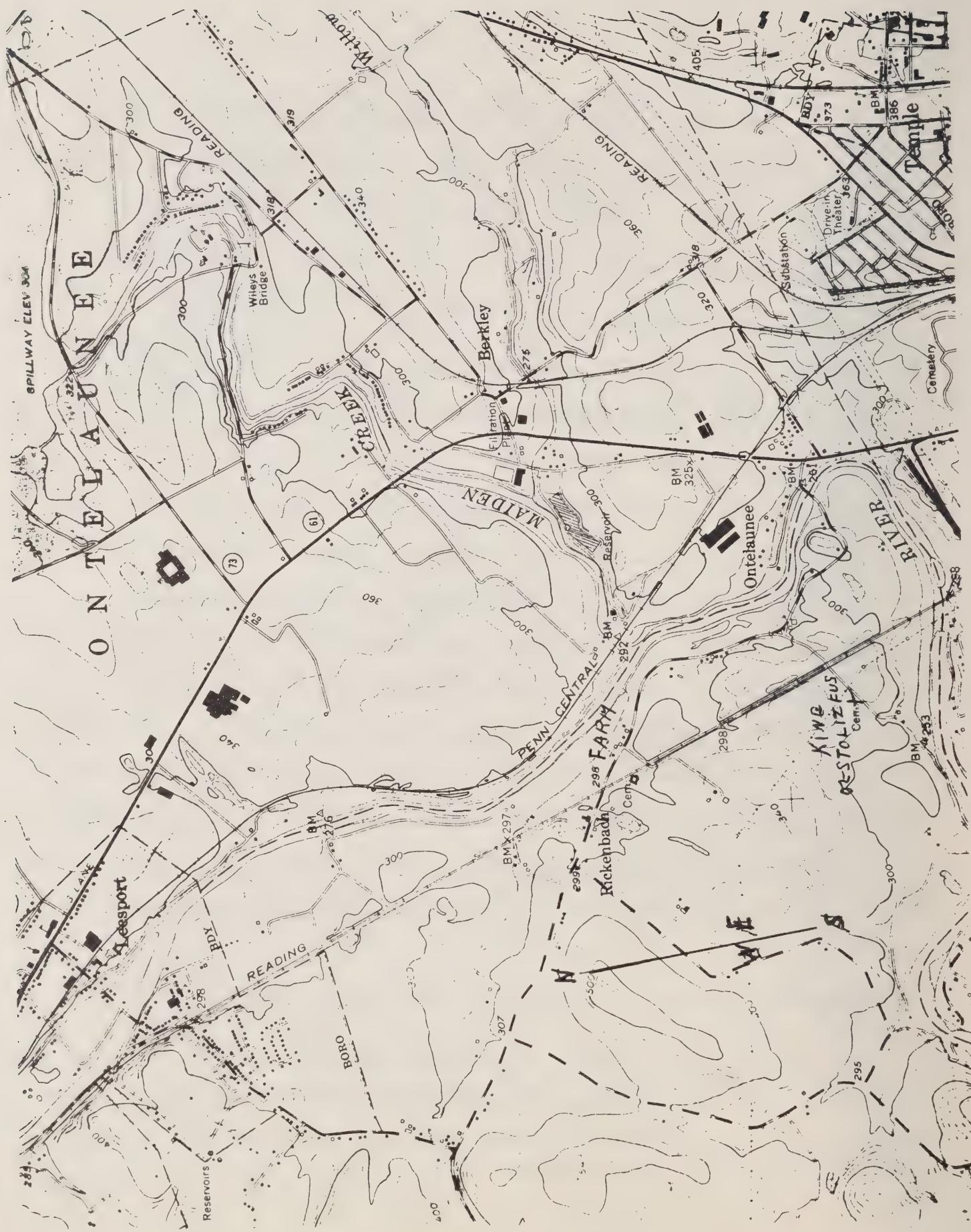
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(überhaupten von  
Gottlieb Hf)

Nicholas und Anna Roth

This letter was written by Nicholas Roth, Tavistock, Canada,  
 to Andrew Diener, Binkley's Bridge (Eden) Pa., his brother-in-law.  
 Nicholas and Anna lived in Pa. 6 mo. with their daug. Annie, Eli King,  
 where Pa John S. Fisher now lives.





# The Hour Glass

To Recall a Few Memories of the Past  
by Amos L. Fisher

## THE RIEHL FAMILY

There are still two families that descend from Lewis, or Ludwich, and Veronica (Fisher) Riehl, the one is Christian Riehl, who started to spell his name, Reel. He was married to Rachel Trego, as his first wife, his second wife was Susan Davis, their children are as follows: (1) Rachel D. Reel, born 1826, died 1879, married to Charles E. Beery; (2) Mary Ann Reel, born 1828, died 1907, married to Joseph A. Miller, born 1830, died 1901; (3) Hannah D. Reel, born 1830, died 1890, married to James B. Childs; (4) Ruthann Reel, born 1832, died 1882, married to Abram Shook; (5) Lewis P. Reel, born 1835, died 1839; (6) Jemima Reel, born 1840, died 1850; (7) Susanna Reel, born 1843, died 1909, married to James Roberts, born 1823, died 1895. She married second time to a man by the name of Tompson. This is all we have on this family. It is not known just where this family lived, although as we look over the census of 1850 and 1860 there appear several families in Salisbury Twp. by the name of Reel which could possibly be this Reel family.

The fourth child of Lewis, or Ludwich, and Veronica (Fisher) Riehl is Francis Riehl who married to a David Yoder. All we know of their family is one son, Reuben Yoder who was married to a Mattie Yoder. It appears that this Reuben Yoder was born in Mifflin Co., Pa. and moved to Logan Co., Ohio and later to East Lynne, Missouri. There are quite a few descendants of this family still residing at that place being affiliated with the Mennonite Church.

## THE RICKENBACH FAMILY

As we look at the topographic map of Berks Co., Pa. (page 70), we will notice that about six or eight miles north west of Reading and several miles south of Leesport, is a small town with no more than a score of houses, a place called Rickenbach Station, named after its early settlers. You will also notice that the Reading Railroad passes through this section, which was built in the latter part of the nineteenth century. The old Rickenbach Cemetery, as marked on the draft map of the Railroad Company, lies along a line fence in a cultivated field, which has been almost obliterated by the Twin Valley Railroad of Reading. There are four tombstones that are still noticeable and bear the inscriptions as follows: Jacob Rickenbach died December 21, 1831; Barbara Rickenbach died January 15, 1838; Eva daughter of Jacob and Barbara Rickenbach November 13, 1864 age 76 years; Barbara daughter of Jacob and Barbara Rickenbach age 67 years.

The name of Rickenbach has been identified with the development of Berks County, Pa. and especially with Bern Twp. where for over two hundred years a farm has been handed down from father to son until only in quite recent years. The first of them to come to Pennsylvania was John Rickenbach and his wife

Veronica, a native of Switzerland who landed in Philadelphia, Pa., September 29, 1733. They came in the ship, Pink Mary, from Rotterdam, Holland.

Since the trunk of this family tree was established in America more than two centuries ago with their children as branches, it has grown to the tenth generation. By natural sequence a pioneer family grows to four thousand descendants by the sixth generation. This family became greatly interwoven through marriage with early Amish and Mennonite families in this country with names such as Lapp, Hertzler, Kenegy, Zook, Renno, Lantz, Kurtz, Fisher, Kauffman, Mast, Yoder, Beiler, King, Hooley, Blank, Schmucker, Esh, Harsberger, Hostetler, Detweiler, Stayrook, Riehl, Petersheim, Glick, Miller, and many others.

The old Homestead farm is located on the north side of Cross Keys Road, leading west from off Rt. No. 61. The last of the Rickenbachs to occupy this farm was Curtis Rickenbach who in turn sold it to Earl Showalter, who in recent years sold it to Harold Manbeck.

This farm in early years included several hundred acres, some of which lies along the Schuylkill River, therefore a portion of this farm has been purchased, or leased by the Schuylkill Navigation Co. for the building of the Union Canal which flourished very profitably in the beginning of the nineteenth century. On these premises are built one of the many locks along the canal, which extends from Philadelphia to the northern part of Pennsylvania. As one views the remains of these locks a person has to marvel, and wonder how such things could have been accomplished without the use of modern excavating equipment. The canal has been dug out for miles and miles and at places where the locks were built, especially on the Rickenbach property, large stone walls had to be built, some twenty to thirty feet high and about twenty feet apart. The walls are tapered in height and exceed the length of several hundred feet. At the farthest end the gates were placed, which consisted of all wood construction, using huge hand hewn timbers, which are now in ruins and left to decay.

At the northern end of the small town of Rickenbach there is a quarry where the older Rickenbachs quarried stone and took them a short distance away to their cement kiln, for the manufacturing of cement. The Rickenbachs also gained wide popularity in the construction of a monster canal boat which had a sixty ton capacity. These boats had floated on the Union Canal, passing the old homestead farm, and also on the Erie Canal, which was once one of the chief artificial waterways in this country. After the coming of the railroads in the middle of the nineteenth century, the canals were no longer used, therefore some of the boats were torn apart and the lumber was used for houses. If you engage in a historical conversation with some of the older folks of that vicinity, they will soon mention the boat houses and how they were built and are still standing. to be continued

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THE NEW SLED

Near a small village in New England, one Saturday afternoon, a party of merry boys were engaged in riding down hill. They drew their sleds to the top of the long hill, then, guiding them by a strong cord, they descended the hill together, each striving to make his own sled go swiftest and farthest.

Loud shouts of merriment burst from the happy group, as they passed each other in ascending or descending the hill. Sometimes a luckless boy would be thrown from his sled into the snow headlong, which would cause them all to shout with glee.

Joseph stood at the top of the hill, near the place whence the boys started, and, with a sad face and tearful eyes, he watched the joyous lads. "How happy I should be" thought he, "if I could have a sled!" As one of the larger boys came near him, he said, "Please, Rufus, let me take your sled; for, I must go home soon, and I have not had one ride to-day."

"No!" said Rufus roughly; "I want it myself. Why don't you have one of your own?" and before Joseph could reply, Rufus was nearly at the foot of the hill again; not, for a moment, thinking of the pain his unkind answer had caused the little orphan boy.

Joseph turned his steps toward home, his little heart swelling with grief. "If my father had not died," said he to himself, "he would have bought me as pretty a sled as any one had; but I have no father or mother to buy me such things;" and the tears fell thick and fast as he returned to his home.

Joseph had a kind sister who loved him very much, and who did every thing she could to make him happy. But this sister lived many miles away, in another village, and could go to visit Joseph only two or three times in a year.

She was, at that time, going to visit him, and thought the prettiest present she could carry him, would be a new sled. She bought one which was painted a bright red color, with stripes of white and blue around it, and the name "Swiftsure," painted in yellow letters on each side of it.

Oh, what joy filled little Joseph's heart; when his sister gave him this beautiful sled! The next Saturday afternoon, he was permitted to go to the hill to play with the other boys. How his eyes glistened with pride and pleasure as he heard the remarks of his companions, about his pretty, new sled!

"What a beauty!" said one. "Where did you get it?" asked another. "It is the best one in the village," said a third. Rufus Smith came up to the eager group, and said,—"Oh, it is a frail little thing! It will soon break to pieces!" But this unkind remark did not spoil Joseph's sport; for he could now join in the race with the swiftest, and his laugh was heard ringing out as merrily as the merriest.

Little Edward Howe stood looking at the party of boys, this afternoon, as Joseph had done the week before, wishing that he, too, could have a sled. But

his mother was a poor widow, and could not afford to buy her little boy such costly things. As Joseph returned to the top of the hill to prepare to descend again, he saw little Edward looking at his new sled, from behind a group of larger boys.

"Hop on to my sled, behind me, Edward," said Joseph; "it is large enough for us both." And away they went, passing many of the larger boys; for Joseph's "Swiftsure" sped swiftly over the snow, down the hill, and half way across the meadow. "like a thing of life."

"What a fine time we are having!" said Edward, as again they descended the hill. "Yes," said Joseph; "was not my sister kind to get me just the thing I wanted most?" "I wish I had a sister," said Edward. "Never mind," replied Joseph, "you may use my sled when I do not want it; and when I come out here to ride, you may come with me, and we will always ride together."

Just then another shout of laughter was heard from the larger boys. Rufus Smith's sled had struck upon a rock, which was partly covered by the snow; the sled was broken, and Rufus was thrown headlong into the snow. He rose slowly, and, brushing the snow from his clothes, looked sorrowfully at his broken sled.

"I am glad of it," thought Joseph; "for he would not let me take it last week, and to-day he said my new sled would be easily broken." But something seemed to say to him "That is wrong." When Rufus came dragging his broken sled to the place where Joseph and Edward were standing, Joseph said to him: "Rufus, I am sorry for your accident; you may take my sled awhile, if you wish. Edward and I will rest a few minutes."

Rufus was surprised, and said, "Thank you, Joseph; you are a better boy than I am; for I would not lend you my sled, last Saturday. I am sorry now that I did not." Rufus Smith was, ever after this, Joseph's firm friend. How much nobler is a forgiving spirit than a revengeful one!

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THE MINUTES.

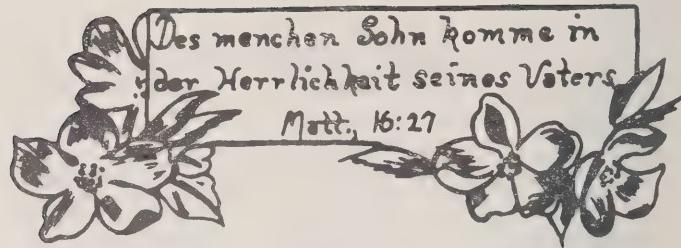
1. We are but minutes—little things,  
Each one furnished with sixty wings,  
With which we fly on our unseen track,  
And not a minute ever comes back.
2. We are but minutes, yet each bears  
A little burden of joys and cares;  
Patiently take the minutes of pain;  
The worst of minutes can not remain.
3. We are but minutes,—when we bring  
A few sweet drops from pleasure's spring;  
Oh, taste their sweetness while we stay;  
It takes but a minute to fly away!
4. We are but minutes,—use us well;  
For how we're used we soon must tell;  
Who uses minutes, has hours to use;  
Who loses minutes, whole years must lose.

Vom 1884 Pennsylvanischer Calander,  
John Baer's Sohnen, Lancaster, Pa.

## Unter den Indianern.

Zor mehr als hundert Jahren, im kalten Februar 1765, trat in Philadelphia eine deutsche Frau mit ihrer 18jährigen Tochter in die Wohnung des Heinrich Melchior Mühlenberg, des lutherischen Pastors der Zionsgemeinde, und bat um eine Bibel und um ein Gesangbuch. Sie hatte es sich schwer werden lassen und war über 90 Meilen zu Fuß nach Philadelphia gewandert, um Gottes Wort zu bekommen. Sie erzählte: „Vor 15 Jahren wanderte ich mit meinem Manne, zwei Söhnen und zwei jungen Mädchen von der Stadt Reutlingen (Württemberg) nach Amerika. Wir kaufsten im Norden von Pennsylvania, mitten im Urwald ein Stück Grund um geringes Geld. So hart es uns ging, waren wir doch gutes Muthes; denn wir sahen, daß unser Fleiß nicht fruchtlos sei. Aber wir trauerten darüber, daß wir keine Schule und Kirche hatten für uns und unsre Kinder. Wir lehrten darum selbst die Kinder aus Gottes Wort.“

Nun brach im Jahre 1755 ein Krieg mit den wilden Indianern aus, welche von den Franzosen unterstützt wurden. Die deutschen Ansiedlungen wurden überfallen und ausgeplündert. Als ich am 16. October 1755 mit dem jüngsten Sohne aus der Mühle nach Hause kam, lagen mein Mann und ältester Sohn in der ausgeplünderten Blockhütte ermordet, und meine zwei Mädchen Barbara von 10 und Regina von 8 Jahren waren geraubt. Als arme Witwe zog ich mit meinem jüngsten Sohne nach einer südliecheren Gegend. Nichts konnte ich über das Schicksal meiner Kinder erfahren. Erst als 1764 die Engländer die Indianer zum Frieden gezwungen und ihnen die Gefangenen abgenommen hatten, schöpste ich neue Hoffnung, meine Kinder unter denselben zu finden. Nach Carlisle forderte der englische Oberst alle auf, welche Angehörige vermissten. Ich kam dahin, konnte aber meine Kinder nicht finden. In 10 Jahren waren sie groß geworden, hatten indianische Manier angenommen und die deutsche Sprache fast verlernt. Schon wollte ich umkehren, als der Oberst fragt, ob ich gar keine Kennzeichen wüßte. Da fiel mir ein, daß die Kinder so gern die Lieder sangen: „Allein und doch nicht ganz allein“ u., „Jesus lieb ich inniglich“ u. Der Oberst bat mich, einmal zu singen. Als ich kaum den ersten Vers gesungen, da trat ein hochgewachsenes Mädchen hervor und sang mit. Es war meine jüngste Tochter Regina. Die älteste war nicht aufzufinden. Die zwei Stern waren früh getrennt worden. Regina mußte ein zwei jähriges Mädchen, das ihr auf den Rücken gebunden wurde, viele Meilen weit über Stock und Stein, durch Sumpfe und Moräste tragen, bis zu dem Zelte der Indianer. Beide wurden einer alten, bösen Indianerfrau übergeben. Hier mußten sie 10 volle Jahre der drückendsten Knechtschaft durchleben. Nun schloß sich die Kleine der Regina an, und weil ihre Eltern nicht aufgefunden wurden, behielten wir sie. Jetzt wünschen sie Gottes Wort und Unterricht darin, um den Weg kennen zu lernen, der zum Himmel führt.“ Pastor Mühlenberg konnte mit Freuden ihre Bitte erfüllen.



## REGINA, THE GERMAN CAPTIVE;

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France and England. The English, who then owned the territory which now composes the most of the States of our Union, had already, as early as 1740, set their hearts on Canada. The English said of right it belonged to them, the French disputed their claim; so there was no other way but to fight it out. A great many battles were fought, the Indians always fighting with the French against the English. Still, in the end, the French and the Indians had the worst of the battle; for all Canada fell into the hands of the English. While the war lasted, the French officers did all in their power to instigate the poor ignorant Indians to perpetrate deeds of cruelty and blood. They were offered so much for every white man or woman whom they would murder. The scalp was the evidence that they had killed a white man. Hence they always scalped all they had murdered; and so anxious were they to get the scalp that sometimes the person scalped was not murdered; and there are cases on record where persons were shot, tomahawked, and scalped, and yet recovered. The scalping was done in the following way:—the person was either shot, tomahawked, or knocked down with a club; as soon as the poor victim was prostrated, the cruel savage rolled him over on his back, then sprang upon him with his knees on his breast, took hold of the hair in the front part of the head with his left hand and pulled with all his might, then gave a tremendous yell, and applied his scalping-knife and cut off a piece of skin about as large as a child's hand, thus laying the skull bare. It was a horrible operation, the very recital of which causes the blood to curdle in our veins; yet some Indians boasted of the hundreds of scalps they had taken. It is said of an Englishman, that his wig once saved his life. He was pursued by an Indian, who felled him to the earth with a club and jumped upon him, and, when he grasped his hair, the whole skin came off. The Indian was so amused at this strange occurrence that he burst into a fit of laughter, and, looking at the wig, he said, "It is a lie;" and entering into a parley with the Englishman, let him off for the price of a scalp, which was about fifteen shillings. It must be said, to the honor of the French officers, that they never paid the Indians for the scalps of children and women. Hence, not a great many women or children were scalped, unless the Indians were drunk or had great wrongs to avenge.

The savages would go out in parties of from ten to fifty in a company, and, being mostly inflamed with French brandy and urged on with the hope of getting French money, which would enable them to procure more brandy, they would stealthily visit the

sparsely-settled neighborhoods, and murder and scalp all who would come in their way. They generally came over the river below the Niagara Falls, and, as the western part of New York was then an uninhabited wilderness, they passed through into Pennsylvania on their bloody excursions. Sometimes, however, the English were prepared for them, and gave them a warm reception; and many a bloodthirsty Indian fell under the steady aim of the hardy pioneer. The French and Indian war continued with unabated fury for thirteen years, from 1745 to 1758, when, after a bloody battle, General Wolfe's army compelled the French to surrender Quebec, though that brave general himself fell, mortally wounded, and peace was made soon after. But, during the period from 1744 to 1759, which may with great propriety be called the "Bloody Age of American History," what terrible scenes were enacted! It would require volumes to record half the scenes of blood that came to light; and thousands of the most cruel murders committed have, no doubt, never been known. The whole history of the world can hardly present such another picture of bloodshed and rapine. We here subjoin an account of two men that were scalped, one of whom recovered. This occurred at the siege of Fort Stanwix, in 1777.

"Captain Gregg left the garrison one day, in company with a corporal, for the purpose of shooting wild pigeons. When the day was far advanced, Gregg, knowing that the savages were continually prowling around the fort, made up his mind to return. At that moment a flock of pigeons alighted upon a tree close by. The corporal proposed to try a shot at them, and, having approached near enough, was in the act of raising his gun, when the report of two muskets was heard close by. Captain Gregg that instant saw his companion, the corporal, fall, and felt himself badly wounded in the side. He tried to keep his feet, but could not; he fell to the earth, and the next moment saw a huge half-naked savage making rapid strides toward him with his tomahawk in his hand. He was horrified, for he was powerless. The Indian ran up to him with the uplifted tomahawk and struck him several blows on the head, then drew his scalping-knife, cut a circle through the skin from the forehead to the crown of his head, and drew off the scalp with his teeth. At the approach of the savage, Greg had counterfeited the appearance of being dead with as much address as he could use, and succeeded in persuading his butcher that he was actually dead, otherwise he would certainly have been killed. The pain produced by these wounds was intense and dreadful. The savages, having finished their bloody work, withdrew. As soon as they were out of sight, Captain Gregg determined to make his way to his fallen companion; but he found himself very weak, and it was only after three or four attempts that he was able to rise. When he came to his companion he found him dead and scalped. Captain Gregg was found by his companions-in-arms, and carried back to the fort, where, under proper medical treatment, he recovered, and lived many years afterward without a scalp."

The Rev. Dr. H. Melchior Muhlenberg, in the "Hallean Annals," page 1006, gives us the following thrilling account of an Indian scalping which occurred about the time of the Hartman massacre. He says:—

"Among my catechumens at New Holland were the two grown daughters of a man, who, after the confirmation of his children, purchased a piece of land near the Blue Mountains. This land, by much labor, he improved, and removed his family to it. But, as the Indian war was then raging most fearfully, the wild and ferocious savages frequently fell upon the isolated settlers, set fire to their houses and barns, and those whom they did not massacre they carried into captivity. This man, being afraid of the Indians, brought his family back to New Holland, but left his cattle and grain at the new farm, and occasionally went up to see after them. In the fall of the year this man went up to the new farm, with the two daughters above-referred to, for the purpose of threshing the grain and bringing it down to New Holland. They went up, did the threshing, and were nearly ready to return with a load of grain. The wagon was loaded in the evening, and on Saturday morning they intended to start for home. On Friday evening the two girls seemed to be very melancholy. They told their father that they felt as though they had not long to live, and proposed singing the German hymn, commencing,—

"Wer weiss wie nahe mir mein ende?

In English,—

"Who knows how near my life's expended?

Time flies, and death is hastening on;

How soon, my term of trial ended,

May heave my last expiring groan!

For Jesus' sake, when flesh shall fail,

With me, O God, may all be well!

"My many sins!—oh, vail them over

With merits of thy dying Son!

I here thy richest grace discover,—

Here find I peace, and here alone:

And, for his sake, when flesh shall fail,

With me, O God, may it be well!

"His bleeding wounds give me assurance

That thy free mercy will abide;

Here strength I find for death's endurance,

And hope for all I need beside:

For Jesus' sake, when flesh shall fail,

With me, O God, may it be well!"

"This beautiful hymn they sang from beginning to end; and after they had said their prayers they retired to rest. On Saturday morning they rose early and said their prayers. That morning the sun arose clear and bright. It was a calm and lovely morning; not a breath of air was stirring. The father told the girls that they should milk the cows, while he would go out into the field to catch the horses and hitch them up. When he had gone into a large field, he stood by a large tree, and was looking around for the horses. All at once he saw two Indians rushing upon him with loaded rifles and other deadly weapons. The poor man was so much terrified that he became entirely powerless. He could neither move hand or foot, nor

could he utter a word. He was stupefied with fear; all his senses seemed to be dead but his vision. He saw the savages rapidly approaching; they were now within about twenty paces of him. He then cried out,—'O Lord Jesus, to thee I live! O Lord Jesus, to thee I die!' but, as soon as he had, with a loud voice, uttered the words, 'Lord Jesus,' the Indians stopped suddenly, like a bear that is shot;—they stopped short and commenced a terrible howling. Scarcely had the poor man uttered the name of Jesus when he felt a supernatural strength; he felt as though he had wings, turned round and ran like a deer, not toward his house, but toward the forest. The Indians were close behind him, and quickened their steps, being sure they would overtake him before he would get out of the field. But our friend had such strength that he jumped like a deer over the fence; and when in the forest he ran in a zigzag or serpentine course, and the Indians soon lost sight of him. This was a narrow escape. The Indians then returned to his house,—where there were a number of other Indians,—and there perpetrated their deeds of cruelty. Our friend then bent his steps to a neighboring house, where two German families resided, with the hope of procuring help from them to defend his children and property. But, alas! when he came near the house he heard a terrible noise and crying of old and young, and soon perceived that a party of Indians were then engaged in murdering the families. Fortunately the Indians did not see him. He now thought of his own children, and started for his own house. But alas! when he came near his own residence he saw the flames of his house and barn rising over the tree-tops, and heard the terrible bellowing of his cattle that were burning up alive. He then ran several miles back to a German settlement and gave the alarm. The men soon equipped themselves and came with him to his house. When they reached his house the Indians were gone and every thing was in ashes. His eldest daughter was consumed, all but a few fragments of her body; but the second daughter, to the astonishment of all, was yet alive, but cut and gashed from head to foot with the tomahawk, and also scalped. The poor girl could yet inform them of every thing that had occurred, and how many Indians there were. She then requested her father to stoop down and give her a farewell kiss, then she would go to her dear Savior. When this was done she departed in peace.

"The poor man came to me, and, with deep emotion and many tears, related the whole terrible scene.

"He also spoke in wonder of the power there was in the name of Jesus, and how he had now experienced the sweetness of that dear name, and that he would never forget it.

"I showed him how Jesus would deliver him out of more terrible dangers, even from sin, death, Satan, and hell, and would make him eternally happy in heaven."

This terrible scene will prepare us for another which is soon to follow. What dangers must have surrounded those early settlers! and how thankful we should be to our heavenly Father for the peace and

safety we now enjoy. God be praised for it! Colonel George Washington was first brought into notice during the period of those Indian massacres. The terrible scenes of carnage and blood in Virginia, as well as in Pennsylvania awakened the sympathies of all good men in the colonies; and no man was more affected by the daily massacres than occurred than Washington even when he was quite a young man. He was born on the 22d of February, 1732; in 1752, he was twenty years old. Let it be borne in mind that at that time the French—who were the allies of the Indians and their instigators and abettors in all their cruelties—were then in possession of Canada and all the country now composing Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Arkansas, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Kentucky. And all this vast territory was full of Indians. Thus the English colonies were completely surrounded by the French and Indians. All, therefore, who lived on the borders of the States were in danger of the Indians. Nor were the armies of the King of England able to protect such an immense frontier; for while the English army was repelling the Indians at one point the savages would break in upon another, and, before help could arrive, tomahawk and scalp all who would come in their way. Hence it was absolutely necessary that private military companies should be formed in every settlement where men enough could be raised. Forts, too, had to be erected at different points, into which, in time of danger, the poor defenceless settlers could run for protection. George Washington was placed at the head of a company of this kind, called the Virginia Rangers, and he did great service to his poor exposed countrymen. It was in this noble service that young Washington learned to fight the battles of his country—those glorious battles which liberated our fathers from the oppression of a foreign king. In these excursions Colonel Washington frequently witnessed scenes of blood and cruelty such as are enough to curdle one's blood and cause the hair to stand erect on one's head. We will give one of those dreadful scenes, from "Weems's Life of Washington." Washington says:—

"One day, as we drew near a dwelling, we heard the report of a gun. Quickening our pace, we saw very soon what were a party of Indians, loaded with plunder, coming out of a house, which, by the smoke issuing from the windows, appeared as if just set on fire. On rushing into the house and putting out the fire, we saw a mournful sight indeed! There was a young-looking woman lying on the bed, floating in her own warm blood! Her head was cleft with a tomahawk; and on her bosom lay two lovely infants, apparently twins, bathing that bosom with the crimson current of life yet flowing from their deeply-gashed heads! I had often beheld the mangled remains of my countrymen, but never before felt as I did on this occasion. This sight filled my mind with horror! On tracing the footsteps of the savages back to the corn-fields, we found a small boy, and, a little farther on, the father, both weltering in their own blood, tomahawked and scalped. It appeared, from the prints of his little feet in the furrows, that the child had been

following his father, who was plowing; and, seeing his father fall, he attempted to run back to his mother, but was overtaken by the cruel savages and tomahawked. These things so affected me that I solemnly declare before God, if I know my own heart, that I would offer myself a sacrifice to these butchering savages, if I could thereby secure the safety of these my distressed countrymen."

This was a noble sentiment, worthy of the great "Father of his Country."

Scenes like these were of common and almost daily occurrence. One day the Indians came to a school-house, where there were, I think, seventeen little children, who, together with the teacher, were all tomahawked and scalped. This school-house was in Franklin county, Pennsylvania, about four miles from the town of Greencastle. A few years ago, the citizens raised a monument on the spot where these dear little murdered ones sleep. This was noble conduct!

Thus you see those cruel savages spared neither women nor children. In war, too, these savages were terrible in their ferocity and cruelty.

When Lord Suffolk, in the House of Lords in England, in 1777, tried to defend the proposition to employ the American Indians in the war with the colonies, William Pitt, or Lord Chatham,—who was one of the finest orators the world had ever seen,—opposed it in the following language—language that honors the head and the heart of that great statesman. This, too, gives us a true picture of Indian cruelties. Lord Suffolk had said in debate, that, "besides its policy and necessity, the measure was also allowable on principle, and that it was perfectly justifiable to use all the means that God and nature put into our hands." To this Pitt replied,—

"I am astonished—yea, shocked—to hear such principles confessed,—to hear them avowed in this house or in this country:—principles equally unconstitutional, inhuman, and unchristian!"

"My lords, I did not intend to have encroached again upon your attention; but I cannot repress my indignation. I feel myself impelled by every duty. My lords, we are called upon, as members of this house, as men,—as Christian men,—to protest against such notions standing near the throne, polluting the ear of majesty. 'That God and nature has put in our hands!' I know not what ideas that lord may entertain of God and nature; but I know that such abominable principles are equally abhorrent to religion and humanity. What! to attribute the sacred sanction of God and nature to the massacres of the Indian's scalping-knife! to the cannibal savage torturing, murdering, roasting, and eating, literally, my lords, the mangled victims of his barbarous battles! Such horrible notions shock every precept of religion, divine or natural, and every generous feeling of humanity. And, my lords, they shock every sentiment of honor; they shock me, as a lover of honorable war and a detester of murderous barbarity.

"These abominable principles, and this more abominable avowal of them, demand the most decisive

indignation. I call upon that reverend bench,—those holy ministers of the gospel and pious pastors of our church;—I conjure them to join me in this holy work and vindicate the religion of their God. I appeal to the wisdom and the law of this learned bench to defend and support the justice of their country. I call upon the bishops to interpose the unsullied sanctity of their lawn, upon the learned judges to interpose the purity of their ermine, to save us from this pollution. I call upon the honor of your lordships to reverence the dignity of your ancestors and to maintain your own. I call upon the spirit and humanity of my country to vindicate the national character. I invoke the genius of the Constitution. From the tapestry that adorns these walls the immortal ancestor of this noble lord frowns with indignation at the disgrace of his country. In vain he led your victorious fleets against the boasted 'Armada' of Spain; in vain he defended and established the honor, the liberties, the religion,—the Protestant religion,—of this country against the arbitrary cruelties of Popery and the Inquisition, if these more than Popish cruelties and inquisitorial practices are let loose among us; to turn forth into our settlements—among our ancient connections, friends, and relations—the merciless cannibal thirsting for the blood of man, woman, and child! To send forth the infidel savage—against whom? Against your Protestant brethren; to lay waste their country, to desolate their dwellings, and extirpate their race and name, with these horrible hell-hounds of savage war!—hell-hounds, I say, of savage war! Spain armed herself with bloodhounds to extirpate the wretched natives of America, and we improve on the inhuman example of Spanish cruelty;—we turn loose these savage hell-hounds against our brethren and countrymen in America of the same language, laws, liberties, and religion, endeared to us by every tie that should sanctify humanity!

"My lords, this awful subject, so important to our honor, constitution, and our religion, demands the most effectual and solemn inquiry. And I again call upon your lordships, and the united powers of the state, to examine it thoroughly and decisively, and to stamp upon it the indelible stigma of the public abhorrence. And I again call upon those prelates of our holy religion to do away these iniquities from among us. Let them perform a lustration; let them purify this house and this nation from this sin!"

"My lords, I am old and weak, and at present unable to say more; but my feelings and indignation were too strong to have said less. I could not have slept this night in my bed, nor reposed my head upon my pillow, without giving this vent to my eternal abhorrence of such preposterous and enormous principles."

But the mighty orator, with his burning eloquence, could not prevail. The law was passed; and the murderous tomahawk and the bloody scalping-knife of the American savages were employed against their brethren. But—thank God!—our noble revolutionary sires overcame the soldiers of the king as well as his savage allies.

These cruel savages have, since the Revolution, been severely punished for the innocent blood they shed. The blood of the poor innocent men, women, and children which they so wantonly shed cried to God for vengeance; and his wrath has been poured out upon them, and the end is not yet come. They have been driven from the land of their fathers' graves; for, like the ancient Canaanites, they were not fit to live in it. Thus it is with wicked nations and wicked individuals; God punishes them for their sins; and if they do not reform he must destroy them, as he did the Jews and many other ancient nations.

"Whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap." Ages may intervene between the perpetration of a crime and its punishment, but it will come at last. The Jews, who clamored for the death of Christ, said, "His blood be upon us and our children!" This impious prayer was recorded on high, and at length it was answered in the destruction of Jerusalem and the terrible calamities that befell the whole Jewish nation.

But it is time we should return to the Hartman family and see what is going on there. They are still prosperous and every thing going on well. Oh that it was always so!

John Hartman and his interesting family were growing in grace day by day. John himself, during the summer, had become more serious and heavenly-minded; and, although he was as well as usual, he had a presentiment that he would be called away from his family. He was now only forty-five years old, and bid fair to live many years, as his wife often told him when he expressed his fears that he was not long for this world. During the summer he had been very successful on his farm; he had abundant crops. The autumn had come; the forests were clothed in purple and gold, and the withered leaves were beginning to strew the earth. Nature was in her decay; the withered leaf and the decayed grass reminded Hartman of his own state,—a poor perishing creature. He often thought of that dreadful passage in Isa. Ixiv. 6:—"We all do fade as a leaf;" which reads in German, "We are all withered like leaves;" and Psalm cii. 12, in German, "My days are gone like a shadow, and I am withered like grass."

There was something peculiarly solemn to his mind in the autumn of the year. He would spend hours in deep meditation when gazing upon the variegated forest. The work was rather pressing upon him at this time; October had come, and he was not yet done plowing for his fall-seeding. Some of his fields were seeded and others were nearly ready. The children, too, were now busy gathering chestnuts, and hickory-nuts, and walnuts; and Hartman had promised the children that as soon as the seeding was over George might take them down to a large swamp, where there were a great many fine large shellbarks.

One day, when Hartman was out in the field, one of his nearest neighbors—who had been over the Blue Mountains on some business—stopped a while to talk with him, and, among other things, informed him that the Indians had been about, and had committed a

number of horrible murders all around them, and that he had seen old Conrad Weiser at Heidelberg; and he advised him and all the people that lived over the mountains either to move out of the settlement or to erect a temporary fort.

But poor Hartman did not believe that the Indians would harm any person who had never done them any harm. He used to say, when he heard of Indians, that "it was only the drunken Irish killing one another." So he paid no attention to the advice of his neighbor.

Thus things passed on until the storm came. On the morning of the day on which the dreadful calamity occurred, John Hartman had been more than usually fervent and solemn in his family devotions. He committed himself and his dear family into the hands of God. "Keep us this day from harm and danger; nevertheless, not our will, but thine, be done." At the breakfast-table his wife said,—

"Well, John, you know the flour is all out, and some one must go to the mill; and, as you are at the last field, suppose you let Christian go, and I will go with him; for I have long since promised to go over and see Mrs. Swartz, who you know has been sick."

"Well," Hartman replied, "if you think he can ride the old horse on a bag, I have no objections; then George and I can finish the seeding to-day. But you must see that the miller divides the flour right and puts it on the horse even."

Little Christian was of course delighted with the idea of riding the old horse to the mill. The arrangements between Christian and his mother were that she was to ride the horse to the mill, (for the wheat was already at the mill,) and the little boy was to ride behind her; coming home, the mother, who was a very stout and active woman, was to walk, and Christian was to ride on the meal-bag, and the mother was to lead the horse over the rough places. So, after the work was done and the mother had given her directions to the girls, Barbara and Regina, about cooking the dinner, and promising to be back before supper, they started off.

Mrs. Hartman did not spend much time at her toilet. The women in the country in those days wore very plain clothes. A clean woolen petticoat, with a red ground and a white stripe, and a short-gown of linsey-woolsey cross-barred with red and green, and a neat plain cap without frill or lace, and a red linen handkerchief over her bosom; for in those days the country-people had no calico or gingham.

In going to the mill she had to pass the field where her husband was at work. She waited until he came up to the fence, and they had some conversation. Little did those unfortunate parents think that this would be the last conversation they would ever hold in this world. God, for wise purposes, has hidden the future from our eyes. How true it is that we know not what a day may bring forth!

"Live! live to-day; to-morrow never yet

On any human being rose or set."

What a blessing it is that we are not permitted to lift the dark veil of the future to see our own destiny! how

wretched and miserable it would make us! If, like John Hartman, we have made our peace, calling, and election sure, and have our lamps trimmed, we need not fear the coming of the Son of man.

The girls were busy in the house; and at noon, when the dinner was nearly ready, Barbara took down the great tin horn and blew it. The men heard the horn and immediately obeyed its welcome summons. When George and his father had watered and fed the horses, they went into the house and sat down to dinner. While they were at dinner, the dog, Wasser, came running into the house at a furious rate, and seemed to be terribly frightened. He was a brave, noble dog, and very fierce, and seemed to be afraid of nothing. As soon as Hartman saw the terror of the dog, he knew that something unusual had occurred; and, with the ready instinct of an old hunter, he sprang for his trusty rifle, which was always loaded, and hung on two crooked pins over the bed. He looked at the priming-pan and found all was right. He then spoke to the dog, which at once obeyed him; but when he got to the door he stood still, bristling up and growling in a fierce and terrible manner. Hartman could not yet see what it was; but he gave the word of command, which the faithful dog well understood, and the next moment he sprang upon a huge Indian and brought him to the ground. Hartman then came to the door, and just as he was stepping over the threshold he received two rifle balls, one through the head, the other through the heart, and immediately fell a dead man. The Indians then got at the dog with their tomahawks, and, though he fought like a tiger, and bit and wounded a number of the Indians, yet he was killed at last. Noble dog! he deserved a better fate. Instantly George sprang to his father and tried to raise him up; for the poor boy could not yet fully realize what had taken place. As he was standing over his father the Indians closed around him, and one of them sank his murderous tomahawk into his head. The brave boy fell upon the dying body of his father, and both father and son were soon in the arms of death. Fifteen large Indians, all painted and feathered for scenes of carnage and blood, then rushed into the house, yelling most hideously, like so many fiends from the infernal regions.

One can scarcely imagine what the feelings of the poor girls were during this awfully terrific scene. Barbara ran up into the loft and hid herself, but a cruel savage followed her and brought her back. Regina was horrified, and cried out in German, at the top of her voice, "Herr Jesus! Herr Jesus!" When the Indians heard that sound, they seemed terror-stricken for a moment. One of them, however, could speak a little French; but Regina could not understand a word he said. But by his gestures she understood he wanted liquor. His name was, as she afterward learned, Hammaoslu, which means a "tiger's claw." This huge and hideous half-naked savage seemed to be the chief of the brutal gang. He caught hold of Regina with his left hand and shook her most violently, while he held a scalping-knife in his right hand, which he drew over her lips, which she under-

stood was, that she should be quiet. But she thought her last moment had come. The Indians then went to the table—all but one who stood at the door as sentinel. When they had eaten up all the bread and meat and potatoes, they motioned to the girls for more; and when Barbara went out toward the spring-house for bread and pies, two of the Indians followed her. They ate a prodigious quantity. When they had filled themselves, they immediately commenced plundering the house; chests were broken open, drawers were emptied, every thing was ransacked. They took linens and woolens, blankets and sheets and coverlets, and tied them up in bundles. They made some six or seven bundles. They then took Barbara and Regina out. It was then that the Hartman girls saw for the first time a dear sweet little girl, about three years old, tied fast to the fence. They were taken in the same direction, and were permitted to go to her. When the poor little child saw them, she wept, and said in German, "'Oh, mamma, mamma! wo ist mein mutter?"—"'Oh, mamma, mamma! where is my mother?" The girls then saw that she too was a little German captive. She could only tell her first or Christian name, which was Susan, or, as she said, Suse. But none of this little captive hereafter. The Indians had not yet completed their work of ruin; the house and barn must be laid in ashes. The way they set fire to the house was this: there was a large quantity of flax up-stairs; this they threw down, and built a fire by placing chairs and benches and drawers upon it. This was near the partition. They then took a firebrand from the hearth. Soon the whole house was in flames. When the fire was fairly under way, one of them took a brand and set fire to the barn; and soon all the result of John Hartman's labors, together with his own body and that of his son George, were in ashes. While the flames were raging, the Indian who had been injured by the dog took the dead animal by the hind-legs and tossed him into the fire, whereupon they all set up a kind of a war-dance, singing, shouting, and yelling, at a most fearful rate, the poor girls all the while expecting that they would fall next beneath the murderous tomahawk. They were spared from immediate death, but met a fate very little better. At the conclusion of this horrible chapter, perhaps some of the readers will ask, Why did God permit such a terrible calamity to fall upon such an excellent family? We can only answer this question by stating that God's ways are past finding out; his ways are not as our ways, nor are his thoughts like ours. We might with the same propriety, ask, Why did he permit his ancient prophets to be slain by the wicked? why did he permit the wicked Jews to stone Stephen to death? or why has he permitted the wicked in every age to persecute his people? For the same reason that he permits the sun to rise upon the evil and the good, he also permits calamities to fall upon the good as well as the evil.

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Chapter V. — The Widow and Her Only Son—all  
That is Left of a Once Happy and  
Prosperous Family.

**REGINA, THE GERMAN CAPTIVE;**

or,

**TRUE PIETY AMONG THE LOWLY.**

By Rev. R. Weiser.

Continued from last month

**Chapter IV – The Dreadful Calamity that fell upon  
the Hartman Family**

Hartman was not afraid of the wild men, (die walden,) as he used to call the Indians. And, as those whom he had seen at his own house and at the trading-posts were friendly and civil, and as he had never heard any thing bad about them, he had no reason to fear them. In those days were no books nor newspapers in the country to inform the people of one colony what took place in another; so that Hartman did not know the danger he was in on a frontier settlement. Poor man! he little understood the nature of those cruel and bloodthirsty savages. But he found them out at last.

In order fully to understand the state of things in our country in 1744, (the year in which the terrible calamity which we are about to narrate fell upon the Hartman family,) it will be necessary to refer to the colonial history of that period. The American Indians, who were the aborigines or first settlers of this country, were very numerous when Columbus, in 1492, first came to this western continent. They were found from the sunny south of Central America to the frozen regions of Labrador, and all pretty much alike. But it is the opinion of many learned men now, that the races found in this country when Columbus came were not the earliest settlers of the soil, but that there were other and far more intelligent races here before them,—races who were much further advanced in the arts and sciences than the present races.

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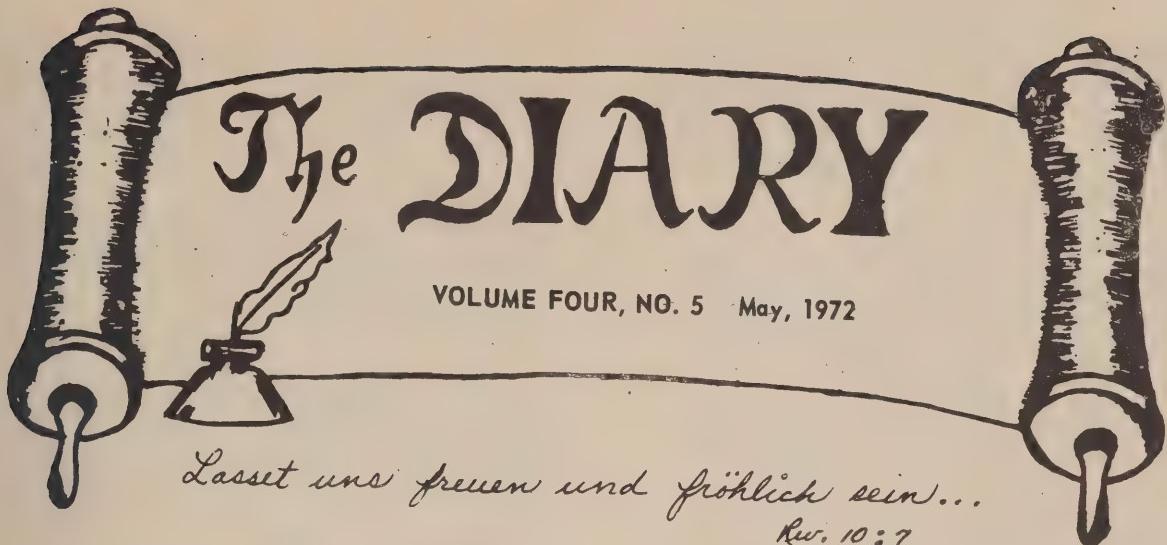
This is inferred from the many monuments found in Central America, Mexico, and in the United States. If you want to know any thing further on this interesting subject, you must get books on the antiquity of America. We intend to confine our remarks to the Indians who were here in 1744, and try to account for their extreme wickedness and the reasons why they took such delight in the shedding of the blood of their fellow-creatures. The American Indians were not half so bad before their intercourse with the Spaniards at the South and the French at the North. At an early day the Indians in Canada were brought under the influence of the French Jesuits. Both the French and Spanish missionaries taught the Indians to hate the English because they were Protestants. The French Roman Catholic missionaries had been laboring a long time among the Northern Indians; but their system of instruction amounted to nothing. They made them ten times worse than they found them. Instead of teaching them to read God's holy word; they taught them to count their beads; and, instead of teaching them to pray to their heavenly Father through Jesus Christ, they taught them to pray to the Virgin Mary; and, instead of directing them to the blood of Christ, that "cleanses from all sin," they taught them to rely upon the foolish and unmeaning mummeries of the priests for salvation. They baptized them and called them Christians; and yet they knew nothing of the spirit of Christianity. Since that time many Protestant missionaries have labored among them, and many have been truly converted to God, and are bright and glorious examples of the power of God's grace. Catharine Brown, who died such a triumphantly happy death, and whose piety has been celebrated throughout the world, was an Indian girl; and if you ever visit Bethlehem, a Moravian town in Northampton county, Pennsylvania, you will see in the plain and beautiful graveyard in that town the tombs of many converted Indians. But the poor Indians of Canada would have been better off if the Roman Catholic missionaries had never come among them.

The French people were the first Europeans who settled in Canada. Nearly three hundred years ago, a Frenchman by the name of James Cartier, with a French army, sailed up the St. Lawrence River and built a fort where the city of Quebec now stands. From this point the first French missionaries went forth to convert the Indians to Christianity. But a sad work they made of it, as we have already seen. Henry the Fourth, King of France, appointed the Marquis de la Roche the first Governor-General of Canada. The French held the undisputed possession of the country for more than one hundred years, and in all that time accomplished nothing. James Cartier located his fort in 1535; but no permanent settlement was made until 1607, when M. de Champlain founded the present city of Quebec. But such were the immoral tendencies of the Roman Catholic religion that no regular government could be introduced until about 1655 or 1660. In 1756, war was declared between

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*Lasset uns freuen und fröhlich sein...*

Rv. 10:7

OF THE OLD ORDER AMISH CHURCH OF AMERICA

A CONTRIBUTION OF THE CHURCH FOR THE CHURCH BY THE CHURCH IN  
THE INTEREST OF COLLECTING AND PRESERVING ITS HISTORICAL VIRTUES

## INDIANA WOMAN DIED IN SLEEP

Fannie Graber, 78, of Middlebury R1, Indiana, died in her sleep at her home Saturday night or early Sun., and was found by a son-in-law, Daniel Miller, Sunday. She was born June 2, 1893, in LaGrange County, and was a lifetime resident of that area. She was married in 1909, to Albert Graber, who preceded her in death in 1963. Surviving are five sons, Henry of Shipshewana, Elmer and Simon of Middlebury, Ora of Bronson, Mich., and Fernadis of Clark, Mo.; two daughters, Mrs. Moses (Edna) Bontrager of Bristol R2 and Mrs. Daniel (Anna) Miller of Middlebury R1; two brothers, Elmer F. Miller of Middlebury and John F. Miller of Sarasota, Fla.; four sisters, Mrs. David (Molly) Miller of Shipshewana, Mrs. Rudy (Barbara) Troyer, Mrs. Joe (Edna) Mast and Mrs. Abe (Lydia) Lehman, all of Middlebury; 46 grandchildren and 41 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Daniel M. Miller residence, east of Middlebury, by Bishop Melvin H. Miller. Burial was in the Naylor Cemetery.

## PA. MAN KICKED BY HORSE

Aquila E. Kanagy, 24, Star Route, Belleville, Pa. was kicked by a horse on May 8. He was on his way from the field to the barn to do chores, stopped to open the gate, and walked up past the team. A young horse kicked him in the side. He had one rib broken and his liver badly torn, leaving him in a serious condition. The first week his liver was packed with gaze and cotton. He had nothing to eat or drink except ice chips. On May 16 they operated on his liver. After that he was in a weak, semi-conscious daze with very high fever. They had him on a refrigerated mattress. He now shows slight improvement, but is still in a serious condition. He now gets milk and milk shake to drink. He is the son of Ezra and Lovina Kanagy, married to Annie, dau. of David C. Peacheys.

## OHIO WOMAN DIED IN MICHIGAN

Fannie Marie Schlabach, 47, Star Route, Millersburg, Ohio, died Friday afternoon, May 19, at St. Luke's Hospital in Saginaw, Michigan, of injuries resulting from an auto accident. She was born Nov. 5, 1924, in Holmes Co., the daughter of Jacob C. and Sadie (Tice) Schlabach. Surviving are her father, 4 sisters, Oma, Effie, and Ruth all of the home, and Mrs. Emanuel (Edna) Wengerd, Mt. Eaton; 7 brothers, Christ, Orrville R2; Olen, Holmesville R1; Dan, of Fredericksburg R1; Calvin, Dundee R1; Alvin, Apple Creek R2; Jacob Jr., Millersburg Star Route; and Alfred of Wooster R6. She was preceded in death by her mother, and one brother who died in infancy. Funeral services were held at the Albert Schlabach residence by Bishop Levi Hostetler. Burial was in the Hostetler Cemetery in Berlin Twp., Holmes Co.

## TWO-YEAR-OLD HAD LEUKEMIA

Paul H. Yoder, two-year-old son of Henry A. and Linda (Beachy) Yoder of Dundee R2, Ohio, died on Saturday morning, May 27, at his residence of Leukemia. Surviving are a brother, Johnnie of the home; grandparents, Mrs. Alvin N. Yoder of Dundee R2, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry A. Hershberger of Millersburg R5. Funeral services were held by Bishop Jonas N. Bontrager. Burial was in Miller Cemetery in Wayne Twp.

## COMMUNITY NOTES

Franklin Co., Pa. — Ben Lantz lost part of a finger on his right hand when he got it caught in a chain on the corn planter.

Arthur, Illinois — Mr. and Mrs. Menno Diener and daughter, Mrs. Amos Otto, went to Tunas, Missouri to doctor for Rheumatism, as Mr. Diener has not been very well for the last few months.



*Lasset die kindlein zu mir kommen..*

*Mari 10:14*



## BIRTHS

### Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

- BEILER, Elmer L. (Priscilla Stoltzfus) Strasburg R1  
a daughter LYDIA ANN, May 10  
BEILER, Ezra E. (Maggie L. Fisher) Christiana R1  
a daughter RACHEL L., May 20  
BEILER, Josiah (Naomi Beiler) Kinzers R1  
a daughter LILLIAN, May 14  
BEILER, Samuel S. (Sally A. Glick) Quarryville R3  
a son DANIEL G., May 4  
ESH, Amos L. (Annie Stoltzfus) Lititz R2  
a son DANIEL S., May 23  
ESH, Daniel K. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3  
a daughter MARY, May 25  
ESH, Stephen S. (Mamie Riehl) Paradise R1  
a daughter CATHERINE ROSE, May 11  
FISHER, Benjamin (Rachel Zook) Kirkwood R1  
a daughter MARY Z., May 19  
FISHER, John F. (Annie S. Stoltzfus) Quarryville R1  
a son GIDEON S., May 13  
GLICK, Daniel K. (Emma S. Stoltzfus) 88 Geist Rd.  
Lancaster, a daughter SYLVIA, May 13  
KAUFFMAN, John E. (Lavina K. Lapp) Christiana R1  
a daughter SUSIE L., May 27  
KING, Amos L. (Hannah Beiler) Paradise R1  
a son JOEL B., May 10  
KING, David S. (Malinda King) Bird-in-Hand R1  
a son BENJAMIN K., May 30  
KING, John S. (Katie S. King) Kinzers R1  
a daughter SARAH K., May 27  
KING, Jonas K. (Susie Lapp) 2008 Horseshoe Rd.,  
Lancaster, a son DAVID L., May 6  
LAPP, Aaron S. (Sarah D. Lapp) Gordonville R1  
a son ISAAC L., May 3  
MILLER, Christ B. (Rebecca Beiler) Bird-in-Hand R1  
a son MICHAEL, May 20  
STOLTZFOOS, David B. (Emma F. Stoltzfus) Kinzers  
R1, a son JAMES MICHAEL, May 28  
STOLTZFUS, Jacob (Nancy Miller) Christiana R1  
a son SAMUEL M., May 5  
STOLTZFUS, John U. (Katie K. Esh) Honey Brook R2  
a son DANIEL E., May 16  
STOLTZFUS, Samuel K. (Naomi Beiler) Gordonville R1  
a son DAVID B., May 5  
ZOOK, Daniel S. (Malinda S. Beiler) Gordonville R1  
a son EMANUEL LEE, May 28  
ZOOK, Samuel S. (Barbara Fisher) Gordonville R1  
a daughter ANNA, May 7

### Juniata County, Pennsylvania

- WENGERD, Dan M (Amelia Yoder) Mifflintown R2  
a daughter MATTIE, May 15

### St. Mary's County, Maryland

- STOLTZFUS, Sammie S. (Lydia Hertzler)  
a son, May 18, lived 4 or 5 hours.

### Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

- YODER, Sam P. Jr. (Katie Peachey) Belleville  
a daughter ELIZABETH, May 28  
ZOOK, Uriel (Ella Byler) Belleville  
a daughter ELSIE, May 20

### Somerset County, Pennsylvania

- YODER, Crist C. (Lizzie Anna Kinsinger) Grantsville  
R1, Md., a daughter KATIE, May 17  
KINSINGER, Joe J. (Martha Beachy) Meyersdale R1  
a daughter TILLIE, May 25

### Ashland County, Ohio

- BRENNEMAN, Daniel A. (Sadie C. Yoder) Ashland R3  
a daughter ALMA, May 16  
MAST, Alvin I. (Edna Weaver) Ashland R1  
a daughter WILMA, May 28  
MILLER, Eli S. (Naomi Brenneman)  
I-W workers at Camden, Michigan  
twin daughters SADIE and SUSIE, May 11  
MILLER, Levi C. (Lydia D. Gingerich) Ashland R1  
a son NOAH, May 10  
MILLER, Sam C. (Katie A. Troyer) Shiloh,  
a daughter SARAH, May 29  
SCHWARTZ, Noah N. J. (Maggie Raber) Ashland  
a son RAYMOND, May 25  
YODER, Ervin (Sarah Miller) Ashland  
a daughter SYLVIA, May 16  
YODER, Floyd (Fannie A. Mast) Greenwich  
a son HARVEY, May 29  
YODER, Ura (Mary Raber) Greenwich  
a son IVAN,

### Adams County, Indiana

- GRABER, Reuben J. (Barbara Ann Hochstetler)  
Geneva R2, a daughter BARBARA, May 13  
HILTY, Marvin (Martha Hilty) Berne R1  
A daughter LORETTA, May 10  
SCHWARTZ, Joe K. (Elizabeth R. Wickey) Berne R2  
a daughter ROSIE,  
SCHWARTZ, Martin H. (Mary Graber) Geneva R2  
a son MARTIN JR., May 10  
WENGERD, John (Rosie Wickey) Geneva R2  
a son DANIEL,

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LaGrange County, Indiana  
 HERSHBERGER, John (Clara Yoder) LaGrange R1  
 a son IVAN, in April  
 HOCHSTEDLER, Eli (Fannie Smucker) LaGrange R4  
 a son PAUL, May 21  
 MILLER, Emanuel (Clara Mullet) LaGrange R1  
 a daughter, April 30  
 MILLER, Ervin (Alta Yoder) Topeka R2  
 a daughter KATIE IRENE, May 26  
 MILLER, Harley (Wilma Beachy) Goshen R1  
 a son JERRY ALLEN, April 26  
 MILLER, Raymond (Ida Yoder) White Pigeon, Mich. R2  
 a daughter ESTHER ELLEN, May 15  
 RABER, Lavern (Leona Hochstedler) LaGrange R4  
 a son STEPHEN RAY, May 6  
 SMUCKER, David (Mary Bontrager) Millersburg R1  
 a daughter MARY ANNA, May 9  
 TROYER, Raymond (Lorene Bontrager) Middlebury R2  
 a son LEONARD RAY, May 11  
 WEAVER, Vernon (Elva Miller) LaGrange R4  
 a son, May 29  
 YODER, Menno (Fannie Bontrager) Howe R3  
 a son IVAN JAY, May 28

Daviess County, Indiana  
 GRABER, Daniel (Ruth Graber)  
 STILLBORN SON, May 17  
 GRABER, Henry (Vera Wagler)  
 a son LEVI, April 22  
 GRABER, Herman (Rosie Wagler)  
 a daughter, May 5  
 GRABER, Paul (Catherine Wagler)  
 a daughter RUTH, May 2  
 KNEPP, Leroy (Mary Stoll)  
 a son, May 28  
 RABER, Ervin (Lydia Eicher)  
 a daughter MARY SUE, April 28  
 RABER, Floyd (Mary Margaret Knepp)  
 a son DELBERT, May 3  
 STOLL, Amos (Katie Weaver)  
 a son, May 28  
 WAGLER, John (Rosanna Graber)  
 a son IVAN, April 5  
 WAGLER, Noah (Anna Marie Knepp)  
 a daughter MARY, May 11  
 YODER, Ora (Ada Marie Lengecher)  
 a daughter, May 24

Arthur, Illinois  
 HELMUTH, Marvin (Sarahann Otto) Sullivan R2  
 a daughter LEANNA KAY, May 9  
 SCHLABAUGH, Harley (Mary Etta Bontrager) Arthur R1  
 a son GLEN RAY, April 25  
 STUTZMAN, Reuben (Fannie Louise Otto) Tuscola  
 a daughter CAROL ANN, May 5  
 YODER, Eli (Rosemary Plank) Arcola R2  
 a daughter SARAH LOUISE, May 8

Buchanan County, Iowa  
 BONTRAGER, Levi Jr. (Ida Yoder) Hazleton  
 a son DAVID, May 15

Mt. Eigin, Ontario, Canada  
 BORNTREGER, Mose and Katie  
 a son HENRY, in April  
 STUTZMAN, Dan and Anna  
 a daughter EMMA, in May



**ORDINATIONS**  
**CORRECTION** - Samuel K. Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1, Pa., ordained April 29 in Kirkwood West District, is a son of John and Annie (King) Stoltzfus, instead of Stephen and Rachel Stoltzfus, as stated in April issue.

#### Snyder County, Pa.

On the eleventh of May, Jacob E. Wagler was ordained minister in Mt. Pleasant Mills District, son of Ezra Wagler of Bowling Green, Mo., his wife was Elizabeth S. Troyer.

#### Ashland, Ohio

Samuel E. Miller was ordained deacon in Southeast church district, April 2. He is the son of Bish. Eli Miller of Dover, Del. His wife Susie is a daughter of Sam S. and Anna J. Mast from Stirling, Ont., Can.

#### LaGrange County, Indiana

Abe W. Bontrager, 34, was ordained minister in West Yoder church. He is a son of Mrs. Bontrager and the late Bish. William L. Bontrager and lives on the home place. His wife is Anna, daughter of Henry A. Grabers.

Calvin Lambright, 44, was ordained minister in Menno D. Yoder church. He is a son of Tobe Lambrights. His wife is Ida, daughter of the late Chri. M. Millers, formerly of Hicksville, Ohio.

David Wagler, 31, was ordained deacon in John Troyer church. He is a son of Amos Waglers of Hartville, Ohio. His wife is Marlene, daughter of Olen Christners.

## ORDINATIONS, Continued

### Arthur, Illinois

A minister was ordained in John Hershberger district, April 9, out of 8 in the lot, Edwin, 29, son of Dan J. Schrock was chosen. He is a grandson of the late Bishop Dan C. Schlabbaugh.

A minister was ordained in Bish. Menno Miller district, April 16, out of 8 in the lot, Ervin, 29, son of Pre. John A. Schrock was chosen.

### Buchanan County, Iowa

Menno Schwarz Jr., 38, was ordained minister in Middle East District, May 1, out of a lot of seven. His wife Lizzie is a daughter of Dan and Katie Mast.

Neal Lambright, 42, was ordained minister in South Middle District, May 11, out of a lot of seven. His wife Viola is a daughter of Levi and Lydiann Hershberger.

David Yoder, 40, was ordained minister in South West District, May 13, out of a lot of four. His wife is a daughter of Christ and Anna Miller.

### Jamesport, Missouri

Eli T. Detweiler was ordained bishop, May 2. He is a son of Bishop Tobias Detweiler. His wife Naomi is a daughter of Chester Gingerichs.

### Aymer, Ontario

Simon Wagler, 26, was ordained minister, May 21, out of a lot of five. He is a son of Abner Wagler. His wife Susie is a daughter of Jacob Eichers.

## MARRIAGES

### Somerset County, Pa.

Yoder, Peachey - David Jr., son of David and Lizzie (Yoder) Yoder, Meyersdale, Pa., and Rosie, daughter of the late Dan and Lottie (Lichty) Peachey, Oakland, Md., at Oakland, Md., May 25.

### Adams County, Indiana

Miller, Schwartz - Joe L., son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi L. Miller, and Edna D., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David L. Schwartz, April 20

Yoder, Schwartz - Abe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Yoder, and Rosie A., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Schwartz, May 4.

Zook, Schwartz - Aaron J., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Zook, and Mary S., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel M. Schwartz, Branch Co., Michigan, May 9

Schwartz, Schwartz - Peter A., son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe R. Schwartz, and Elizabeth E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Schwartz, May 11.

Schwartz, Schwartz - Joe U., son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake D. Schwartz, and Rosie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Schwartz, May 18.

Wickey, Brandenberger - Emanuel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel D. Wickey, and Rebecca, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Brandenberger of New Haven, May 25.

### LaGrange County, Indiana

Miller, Schrock - Harvey Leroy Miller of Michigan, and Amanda, daughter of Alvin and Polly (Bontrager) Schrock, May 2.

Yoder, Bontrager - Wyman Jr., son of Wyman and Sara Yoder, and Ruby, daughter of Levi N. and Alice (Bontrager) Bontrager, May 4.

Schrock, Hochstedler - Harley, son of Alvin and Polly (Bontrager) Schrock, and Susie, daughter of Harley and Emma (Miller) Hochstedler, May 9.

Gingerich, Mast - Clarence, son of Ben and Barbara (Bontrager) Gingerich, and Frieda, daughter of Will S. and Ida (Kaufman) Mast, May 11

Yoder, Yoder - Orla, son of William and Lovina Yoder, and Carolyn, daughter of Felty and Ruby (Lehman) Yoder, May 11

Lambright, Schlabach - Cletus, son of Menno and Fannie (Schrock) Lambright of Topeka, Ind., and Lorene Schlabach of Kalona, Iowa at Kalona, by David J. Bontrager of Shipshewana, Ind., May 19.

Chupp, Miller - David, son of Rudy Chupps of Nappanee, Ind., and Lena, daughter of Orva and Elma (Miller) Miller of Topeka, Indiana, May 25

Graber, Fry - Samuel, son of Victor Grabers of Hicksville, Ohio, and Edna Fry, Shipshewana, Ind., daughter of the late Joe E. and Wilma (Bontrager) Fry, May 30.

### Daviess County, Indiana

Knepp, Lengacher - Henry Knepp and Laura Lengacher, by Bishop Joe L. Graber, April 9.

### Jamesport, Missouri

Kurtz, Detweiler - John, son of Jonas A. Kurtzs, and Emma, daughter of Tobias J. Detweilers, Mar. 16.

Mast, Bontrager - Joe, son of Mrs. Henry J. Mast, and Mary, daughter of Levi S. Bontragers, May 4

**MIGRATION** - Sarah and Mary, daughters of the late Noah and Tena (Farmwald) Troyer moved from Plain City, Ohio with their sister, the Min. Menno Yoder family at Jamesport, Missouri on May 5th.

## COMMUNITY NOTE

Lancaster Co., Pa. - Barbara Smoker, 23, of R1, Box 307, c/o Levi Smoker, Christiana, Pa. 17509, has Mononucleosis and hasn't been able to work since February and won't be able to work for a while yet. Mail and visitors are really appreciated.

**NOTICE!!** We had a "Senior Sunshine" page in the June 1970 and 1971 issues of THE DIARY listing our older members who are 80 years old and older. We would like to bring this list up to date in the June, 1972 issue. We would like to have lists from communities that were not included before, and the names of any that were missed last year or have reached their eightieth birthday since. Anyone please feel free to send them to us.

# *Der Herr ist mein Hörer,*

P 23:1

## OBITUARIES

**Beiler, Abner S.**, 3 mo., New Providence R1, Pa.  
 son of Ezra H. and Elizabeth K. (Stoltzfos) Beiler, died Monday, May 8, at General Hospital. He was taken to the hospital Monday where Xrays showed a tumor on his intestines. He died unexpectedly as the doctors were about ready to operate. Born in Lancaster County, he is survived by his parents, the following brothers and sisters, Benuel, Anna, Miriam, Lydia, Ada, Eli, Emanuel, all at home; paternal grandmother, Mrs. Annie Beiler, Bird-in-Hand R1. Also, maternal grandparents, Benuel and Lydia Stoltzfos, Gordonville R1; maternal great-grandparents, John F. and Annie Stoltzfos, Bird-in-Hand R1; and Eli S. King, Ronks R1.

His age was 3 months and 11 days. Funeral services were held by Enos Glick and Stephen Stoltzfus. Burial was in Bunker Hill Cemetery.

**Beiler, Mrs. Rebecca F.**, 82, Gordonville R1, Pa.  
 wife of Christian S. Beiler, died Thursday, May 25, at her home. She had been under the care of a physician. Born in East Lampeter Twp., she was a daughter of the late Christian L. and Lydia L. (Fisher) Petersheim. She is survived by her husband and the following children, Lydia, wife of Eli S. Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1; Annie, wife of John S. Stoltzfus, Christiana R1; Joseph F. Beiler, Gordonville R1; Savilla, wife of Isaac B. King, Christiana R1; Barbara, wife of Jacob A. Lapp, Cassadaga, N.Y.; 37 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Lydia Stoltzfus, and Barbara, wife of Fred Stoltzfus, both of Elverson R2.

Her age was 82 yr. and 24 days. Funeral services were held by Sam U. Fisher, and Sam K. Kauffman from Lebanon Co., Pa., Hymn "Meine sorgen, angst und plagen" read by Bish. Aaron Esh. Burial was in Beiler Cemetery where Hymn "Welt hinweg, ich bin dein müde," was read by David F. King; Abschied by Jonathan F. King.

**Beiler, Mrs. Sarah K.** 87, Narvon R2, Pa.

died Wednesday, May 17, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law Jonas B. Kings after a lengthy illness. She was the widow of Ben B. Beiler, who died in 1967. Born in Upper Leacock Twp., she was a daughter of the late Jonathan and Mary (Stoltzfus) King. Surviving are five children, Jonas K. Beiler, Honeybrook, Lizzie, wife of Levi F. Stoltzfus, New Holland R2, Rachel, wife of Jonas B. King, with whom she resided, Jonathan L. Beiler, Leola R1, and Katie, wife of Jacob K. Beiler, Holtwood R2; 35 grandchildren; 50 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Rachel, wife of Jacob N. Beiler, Gap R1.

Her age was 87 yr. and 9 months. Funeral services were held by Bishop Jonathan F. King and Bishop Sam F. Stoltzfus, hymn read by Dea. David F. King; burial in Beiler Cemetery, Ronks.

**Bontrager, Mrs. Barbara**, 82, Shipshewana, Ind.

died Thursday night, March 16, in the LaGrange County Hospital. She was born in LaGrange Co. on February 14, 1890, and was a lifetime resident of the Middlebury-Shipshewana community. She was married December 19, 1907, to John I. Bontrager, who survives. Also surviving are four sons, Lee of Shipshewana, Perry and Harry, both of Middlebury, and Mahlon of Madison, Wis.; five daughters, Mrs. Eli Slabaugh of Nappanee, Mrs. Monroe Detweiler of Uniontown, Ohio, Mrs. Manas Miller of Middlebury, Mrs. Jonas Hershberger of Shipshewana, and Mrs. Joe Kauffman of Goshen; a sister, Mrs. Dan Beachey of Millersburg; four brothers, Levi and John Miller of Goshen, Eli Miller of Hamburg, Germany, and Edward Miller of Intercourse, Pa.; 34 grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Alvin Gingerich home by Bishop John Troyer.

**Bontrager, Mrs. Mattie**, 82, Winesburg, Ohio

died Thursday, May 18, in her home after a long illness. Her husband, Moses E., died in 1951. Surviving are three sons and two daughters, John and Roman of R1, Beach City, Andy of Winesburg, Mrs. Albert (Ella) Yoder of R4 and Mrs. Wyman (Mary) Schlabach of R5, Millersburg; a brother and a sister, John E. Miller of R5, Millersburg, and Mrs. Henry Mast of Dover, Del.; 22 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the Milo Yoder Cemetery.

**Fisher, Infant Son of Reuben and Emma**

(Stoltzfus) Fisher, Paradise R1, Pa., died in May. Grandparents are Christian E. and Elizabeth (Beiler) Fisher, and John L. and Annie E. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus.

**Gingerich, Minister John C.**, 87, Arthur, Illinois

died Thursday, April 27. He was born April 8, 1885 in Daviess County, Ind., a son of the late Christian and Magdalena (Wagler) Gingerich. He married Leah Wagler in 1909, she died in 1934. In 1937 he married Lucy Schrock, who died in 1954. In 1957 he married Mrs. Mattie Stutzman who survives. Other survivors are nine sons Abe and Ben of Arthur, Rufus and Aaron of Mylo, Ezra of Millersburg, Ind., Amos of Dover, Del., John of Garnett, Ks., Eli of Sullivan, and Jake of Arcola; four daughters, Mrs. Amos (Magdalena) Graber of Etna Green, Ind., Mrs. Jonas (Katherine) Miller of Arthur, Mrs. Henry (Fannie) Hostetler of Fortuna, Mo., and Anna Mae at home; two sisters, Mrs. Noah (Mary) Otto of Arcola and Mrs. Menno (Barbara) Diener of Arthur; 96 grandchildren and 69 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by two daughters, one son, three sisters, and two brothers.

Funeral services were held at the Harve Schrock residence by Bishop Steve Kauffman. Burial was in Miller Cemetery. Pallbearers were John R. Otto, Andy Bontrager, Andy J. Miller, and Steve A. Miller.

**Glick, Infant son of Emery and Katie (King)**

Glick, Leola R1, Pa., died in May. Grandparents are Levi S. and Annie (Stoltzfus) Glick, and Rebecca S. (Lapp) and the late Isaac F. King.

<b>1972</b>		<b>May</b>				
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### CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

#### Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

The rainfall for Baraville area was 9 inches, May 31 we had 5 inches.

Market Report: Choice Fat Cattle, \$30.00 Cwt.; Feeder Calves, 38.00 to 48.00 Cwt.; Fat Hogs, 27.00 to 29.00 Cwt.; 40 lb. Shoats, 58¢ lb.; Large Eggs, 31¢ doz.; Hay, \$38. to \$67. Ton; Straw, 39.00 Ton; Ear Corn, 40.00 Ton; Shelled Corn, \$1.52 Bu.; Wheat, \$1.45 Bu.; Barley, \$1.10 Bu.; Oats, .95 Bu.

by Elam S. Beiler

Corn planting was a week to 10 days later this year due to the wet weather early in May. Most of the corn was planted from the 13th to the 20th. Corn is up and most of it started nicely. Some cultivating is being done. Alfalfa is being mowed, some started as early as the 23rd. Wheat is blooming now, heads started coming through the 24th. Was standing well until wind and rain of the 31st put some down. Barley fields are down. Quite a bit of rye is sowed through here last several years, some is beat up with roto beater for straw, some is bindered and put into silo, and some is baled and fed as hay. Locust trees started blooming the 27th. Tobacco transplanting started latter part of month. Strawberries are starting.

#### Franklin County, Pa., by Jacob E. Flaud

Rainfall for May was higher than average. Had a cold spell about the middle of the month, with frost three mornings in a row. Still a lot of plowing to do in May. Farmers are busy planting corn and a few are making hay. Real growing weather. Wheat, barley and hay crops look good.

#### Juniata County, Pa., by David Y. Renno

The weather during May was wet and warm, only a few days of clear weather without any rain, had a shower about every four days out of five, total rainfall about 7 inches, and temperature in the 90s some days. Much corn will be planted in June, in the low grounds. The hay and straw crops are very tall and thick, and lodging some. Cornfields are grassy. June came in wet and cool.

#### Snyder County, Pa., by Sam M. Troyer

May was a wet month, over 10 1/2 inches of rain fell, 4 3/8 the last two days. On the 11th it was 33 degrees, on the 26th, 27th, and 28th there was frost in the low places. Most oats and corn was planted late.

#### Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus

May was unusually wet in this section this year. The first several weeks we could work in the fields only one or two days a week. Not much corn planted until the last full week in May. Then it was nice all week and a lot of field work was done. Still a little to plow here and there, and corn to plant at the end of the month. Alfalfa fields look especially good this year. A few farmers have started to mow. Alfalfa seeded this spring looks real good too, due to the good growing weather that we have had. Wheat was just starting to head at the end of the month, although not a lot is grown in this section. There are several silos being built again this year among our people.

#### Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine Swarey

May was a wet month, mostly on the cool side, lowest temperature, 34 degrees, highest, 90, 7.3 in. of rain, many thundershowers, the 3rd week had thunder showers every day. Hay and pasture fields look very nice due to wet weather. Garden things are growing. Some grass has been mowed. Still some corn to plant.

#### Somerset County, Pa., by Abe S. Kinsinger

Weather was on the wet side and oats sowing was delayed by a couple weeks due to it. Hay looks to be a heavy crop, and a few farmers have started to put grass in silos. Corn is mostly planted as the last week was real nice. We had an inch of rain May 30th. Garden things are growing nicely.

#### St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

We had a wet month, 5 plus inches of rain, all but the last full week. The last two days we had thunder storms with about ¾ in. of rain. Some hay is cut and got washed off. Corn is up nice. Strawberries are plentiful. Pastures also look good. Looks like a heavy hay crop this spring. Barley is turning color.

#### Wayne County, Ohio, by Ray J. Yoder

Cool and wet, first part of month. Oats is looking real good. Corn was mostly planted between 22nd and 27th of month. Early garden things are being enjoyed. Strawberries will be plentiful.

#### Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hiltz

May 1972 was too cold, too hot, too dry, and too wet. How can it be too hot and too cold, or too wet and too dry at the same time? Hardly possible, but that's the way May turned out. From the 18th through the 29th the temperature hit the 80 degree mark each day. Then on the 31st it was a miserably cold day with 48 degrees all day. There was a stretch of 13 days from the 16th through the 28th we had only .15 in. of rain, which was with the 80 degree weather. High for the month was 89 on the 21st, low was 34 on the 10th. Rainfall, 4.77 inches; 13 clear days, 15 partly cloudy, 3 cloudy, 8 rainy, and 3 thunderstorms.

## OBITUARIES, Continued

**Glick, Fannie, 2 months, Gap R1, Pa.**

daughter of David I. and Dora K. (Glick) Glick, died Sunday, May 28, at Lancaster General Hospital. The child had been born in Salisbury Twp. Surviving in addition to her parents are two brothers, Johnnie and Abner, both at home; the paternal grandparents, John E. and Sadie B. Glick, Gap R1, and the maternal grandfather, Abner R. Glick, Gap R1.

Funeral services were held by Aaron S. King and Gideon K. King; Hymn read by Joseph F. Beiler. Burial was in Beuna Vista Cemetery.

**Graber, Mrs. Fannie, 78, of Middlebury R1, Ind.**

died in her sleep (see front page) at her home Saturday night or early Sunday.

**Hochstetler, Albert M., 78, Topeka R2, Ind.**

died Thursday, May 18, at his home following an illness of 15 years. He was born in LaGrange Co. January 31, 1894, the son of Manelias and Elizabeth (Miller) Hochstetler. He was married February 4, 1914, to Anna J. Miller, who survives. Also surviving are three sons, Dan A. and Sam A., both of Topeka, and John of Wawaka; three daughters, Mrs. Alvin D. (Barbara) Beachy of Millersburg, Mrs. Ernest N. (Elizabeth) Miller of Topeka, and Anna Mae at home; 24 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Amos N. Miller and David N. Nissley. Burial was in the Miller Cemetery.

**Lengacher, Simon, 86, Montgomery R1, Indiana**

died May 8 at the home of David E. Wagler. He had been ill for two weeks. Born Oct. 13, 1885 in Daviess County, he was the son of Sam and Annie (Leighty) Lengacher. On Jan. 31, 1907 he married Katie Graber, who died May 8, 1871. Surviving are four sons, Joseph, Montgomery; Henry, Menno and Simon Jr., all of Loogootee; six daughters, Mrs. David (Mary) Wagler, Mrs. Levi (Katie) Wagler, Mrs. David (Martha) Gingerich, all of Montgomery; Mrs. Francis (Fannie) Wagler, Mrs. Ben (Rebecca) Knepp, and Mrs. Pete (Maggie) Swartzentruber, all of Odon; one brother, Vic Lengacher, Loogootee; and one half-sister, Mary Ann Byler, Montgomery.

Funeral services were held by Amos Graber, and Bishop Pete Yoder, Marchfield, Missouri; hymn by Harvey Stoll; at cemetery by Bishop Fred W. Knepp. Burial was in the Wagler Cemetery.

**Schlabach, Miss Fannie, 47, Millersburg, Ohio**

died Friday, May 19, in Saginaw, Mich., (see front page) of injuries resulting from an auto accident.

**Stoltzfus, Infant Son of Daniel U. and Rebecca S. (Glick) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1, Pa.**

was born dead at Osteopathic Hospital, May 25. Grandparents are Gideon L. and Naomi (Lapp) Stoltzfus, and Christian S. and Annie (Stoltzfus) Glick.

**Wagler, David, 82, Loogootee R2, Indiana**

died at the Daviess County Hospital Thursday, April 6, after a serious illness of five days. He was born in Barr Twp. August 18, 1889, a son of Joseph and Catherine (Stuckey) Wagler. In 1911 he married Katie Graber, who died in 1966. Three daughters and nine sons survive, Mrs. Levi (Alice) Graber, Mrs. Jerome (Naomi) Raber, Wilmer, Joseph, Alvin, and Willis Wagler, all of Montgomery R1; Mrs. William (Ida) Graber, Fred, John, and Glenn Wagler, all of Loogootee R2; David Wagler Jr. and Williard Wagler both of Odon R2. Also surviving are 112 grandchildren, 73 great-grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Leah Knepp and Mrs. Katie Stoll, both of Montgomery R1, and one brother, William Wagler, Hicksville, Ohio. Three brothers, four sisters, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at the Glenn Wagler residence by Ben E. Wagler. Burial was in Stoll Cem.

**Weaver, Moses J., 68, Star Route, Millersburg, Ohio**

died Wednesday morning, May 17, in Pomerene Hospital after an extended illness. He was born in Holmes Co., a son of the late John P. and Fanny (Mast) Weaver. Surviving are his wife, Lydiann (Coblentz) Weaver; 2 daughters, Mrs. Levi D. M. (Anna) Miller of the home and Mrs. Adam D. (Katie) Yoder of R1, Holmesville; 19 grandchildren; 5 sisters, Lydia Weaver and Mrs. Malva Shetler of Fredericksburg, Mrs. Ben Weaver and Mrs. Eli D. Miller of R1, Holmesville and Mrs. Harry Yoder of Blacksville, S. Car.; 5 brothers, Andrew, Pete and Ben of Fredericksburg, Dan of R5, Millersburg and Abe of Sarasota, Fla.

Funeral services were held by Bishop John Fry. Burial was in Locust Hill Cemetery, Salt Creek Twp.

**Yoder, Enos M., 62, New Philadelphia R2, Ohio**

died Friday morning, May 19, at Union Hospital in Dover after a five month illness. He was born in Holmes Co., a son of the late Moses D. and Sarah (Hostetler) Yoder. Surviving are his wife, Anna R. Yoder; four daughters, Mrs. Roman J. C. (Ada) Miller, of Sugarcreek R1, Mrs. Daniel I. (Mary Ann) Miller of Sugarcreek R2, Emma and Sarah of the home; two sons, Dan W. Yoder, and Roman D. Yoder, both of Sugarcreek; five sisters, Mrs. Jacob S. (Katie Ann) Mullet and Mrs. Andy (Edna) Mullet, both of Sugarcreek R1, Mrs. Levi I. (Lovina) Miller, Star Route, Millersburg, Mrs. Ben D. (Amanda) Miller, Sugarcreek, Mrs. John N. (Verna) Troyer, Baltic R1; and 12 grandchildren. Two sisters died previously.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Monroe Y. Miller. Burial was in the Robert S. Yoder Cemetery.

**Yoder, Paul H., 2, of Dundee R2, Ohio**

son of Henry A. and Linda (Beachy) Yoder, died Saturday morning, May 27, at his residence of Leukemia (see front page).

**Zook, Infant Daughter of Joshua and Lydia (King)**

Zook, Quarryville R3, Pa., born and died Sunday, May 7, at General Hospital. Grandparents are Joshua L. and Nancy (Beiler) Zook, and Jacob A. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) King.

## Din Alde Aldeft Lounstoyar Gunnar

Yn yraf 1724 iſt din Yarub Snilev zü  
Omnica Kommun mit suinn Dølu Løgistrofaw  
ind nafnunt waſt von Mafaniesbwig in  
Lounstoyar Lüntz. So war din vefony  
von din Aldeft Lounstoyar Gunnar manlīn  
vifbrænt bis zü Efferter und Linolu.

Din Glindur von din yannin nœrunn  
van miften arun luit. abur ſin nœrunn  
fog in hin foni Land zü nafnun ind  
Gott Gunnar waſt ifnu laftu ynaſſan.

Abur bis 1800 ſin' wiſt von ifnu leſe  
nœrunn, vbfourelig vif Lann ind  
Maidung. Din yannin yraft ſjunnell  
in vafull. Ynu jüngr Luit nœllan  
niſt in din yannin Kommun ind ſif  
ſtræn lufn. Din Luit war ſtaufaſt  
nœrunn zifnun many bis din yannin  
vælub vafullan iſt.

Zü vafullbixn znit war din formab  
Luitur din Lippot. Din formab Züg war  
nun grædigur ind zoſ war din Mælling  
in Wiffli Lv. in 1793. Yn yraf 1803  
ſjunnibla nu nian Svins zü din formab  
Luitur ifm zü Hœrkun vif Lann ind  
Maidung. So war nian ſin, næftigur  
Svin ind nœllan ifu ſjunnin  
grædigur. Din næftta znan mol.

## CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS,

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## LaGrange County, Indiana, by Amos N. Miller

On May 1st we had  $\frac{3}{4}$  in. rain, then showers off and on, 1 in. rain on the 14th. Field work was slowed up, farmers are getting corn in later than usual. This is now June 2 and no rain since May 14th, is getting dry that people are wishing for rain already. Fat hogs sold for \$29.00 Cwt.; Steers, 35.00 to 37.50; Grade B Milk, \$4.55 per Cwt. with 4% butterfat.

## Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

First part of May was cool and wet. Around the 11th it turned warmer, was real warm, up in the 80s and a few days 90. Slowed horse power considerably, a few horses were lost. The 30th it turned real cool, the 31st it was down in the 30s, but no frost. Planting is practically all done. Grass and all vegetation caught up with our late season. Fruit trees were unusually full of blossoms.

## Daviess County, Indiana, by Lester Marner

April set a record with nearly 10 inches of rain, very cool. May has been extremely dry. Farmers are needing rain. Wheat looks like a good crop. There are some army worms working.

## Arthur, Illinois, by John A. Schrock

April was mostly rainy and cool. Oats was sowed but very little plowing done in April. Hay fields and pastures look very promising. May was real nice and warm. Last plowing was getting too dry to plant corn and beans. Had 2 inches rain May 28th and 29th. Now farmers can finish planting.

## Aylmer, Ontario, by LeRoy Eicher

The forepart of May was rainy, then we had nice warm and dry weather, till the last two days, then it was cool and rainy.

*The Hour Glass*

## To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

by Amos L. Fisher

## THE RICKENBACH FAMILY

continued from last month

As we mentioned last month of a certain John Rickenbach coming to America in 1733 there were also other families by the same name, another one was Henry Rickenbach, who sailed from Rotterdam on the ship "Friendship" and landed at Philadelphia, Sept. 23, 1740. He appears to be the ancestor of the early Amish settlers by that name in Lancaster, Berks and the adjoining counties, and also throughout the western states. Henry Rickenbach's will was filed for probate in Lancaster Co., as living in Leacock Twp. on March 25, 1741, only six months after his arrival to America. He lists six children as follows: Elizabeth, Adam, Hans, Jacob, Margred, and Henry. These children were all born in Europe prior to 1740. If it were not for Jacob Rickenbach of this family, very little would be known to write about the older Rickenbach people. Jacob lived and died in Manor Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., in 1805 without any heirs, so he willed his estate to his brothers and sisters in five equal shares, one share to his oldest brother Adam, one share to the children of his brother John Rickenbach deceased, one share to the children of his brother Henry Rickenbach deceased, one share to the children of his sister Elizabeth deceased, one share to his sister Margart, widow of Samuel Bear of Manor Twp. His youngest sister, Margaret was supposed to have the farm on which he lived in Manor Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa.



The first named child of Henry Rickenbach was Elizabeth, or sometimes called Betty, which, we believe, was the wife of Johannes or Hannes Kurtz, who appears to have been a minister, or deacon in the Northkill settlement in Upper Bern Twp., Berks County, Pa.

The second child named of Henry Rickenbach is Adam, it appears he also lived in Berks Co. before his removal to Chester Co., Pa. in Treadyffrin Twp., known as the Malvern, or Chester Valley settlement. His wife's name is unknown at this writing, but they had fourteen children. (Some more of this family at a later date.)

We will herewith proceed with the family of John Rickenbach whose children were legatees mentioned in the estate of Jacob Rickenbach mentioned above. It appears John Rickenbach was married to a woman whose first name was Ann, and moved to Berks Co., Pa., very likely on the farm at Rickenbach Station, some six or eight miles north of Reading. Later he moved to Caernarvon Twp. in Berks Co., which is in the eastern part of the Conestoga Valley. Here he died between 1789 and 1792. They had the following

children when he died: (1) Jacob, (2) Anna, (3) Barbara, (4) Magdalena, (5) Maria, (6) Margert, (7) Cathrine, and (8) John. The last two were minors at the time of their father's death. Their oldest son, Jacob Rickenbach was born Sept. 3, 1757, died Jan. 15, 1831, married to Barbara Hertzler, who died Dec. 21, 1838, aged 71 yr., daughter of John and Veronica (Rickenbach) Hertzler (Veronica being a daughter of Adam Rickenbach). They had thirteen children viz., (1) John born Feb. 5, 1783, killed by a wagon while driving on the pike in 1803, being 20 years old; (2) Anna Rickenbach born Sept. 26, 1785, married to a Jacob Yoder; (3) Elizabeth Rickenbach born Sept. 10, 1787, was also married to a Jacob Yoder who died when their children were quite young. Elizabeth remarried, to David Renno, which was also his second marriage. It is not known when Elizabeth (Rickenbach) Yoder moved to Lancaster Co., but after her second marriage they lived on the farm north of Soudersburg, where Isaac S. Fisher now lives. To Elizabeth's first marriage there were born three children, the oldest, named Sarah Yoder, born Sept. 28, 1814, died single, July 29, 1902. There are still a few people that remember her, as she cared for her aged step-father, David Renno, who was blind the last twenty years of his life, and was widely known as "Blind Renno." After their retirement from the farm they built a house at the end of their lane, where Jonas Smoker now lives, where they lived till they died.

The second child of Elizabeth (Rickenbach) Yoder was Caroline Yoder, born May 8, 1819, died 1884, married to Samuel King of near Strasburg. There are numerous descendants throughout the states from this family, namely: (1) Sarah King married to Benjamin Allgyer; (2) John P. King married Sarah Ebersol, who were the parents of the aged Esther King, and Moses King of the home farm north of Strasburg; (3) Elizabeth King married Jonathan Stoltzfus, their descendants are widely scattered, some of whom are living in California; (4) Barbara King married to Jacob Augsberger, which takes in about all the Augsbergers in Lancaster County.

After Elizabeth Rickenbach married her second husband, David Renno, they had one daughter, Barbara Renno, born in 1830, and married to Joshua Smoker, who resided at the home Renno farm near Soudersburg. There is a large offspring from this family, being mostly affiliated with the Mennonite and Jehovah Witness faith.

The fourth child of Jacob and Barbara (Hertzler) Rickenbach, was David Rickenbach, born Aug. 27, 1789, married to Elizabeth Plank.

The fifth child of Jacob and Barbara (Hertzler) Rickenbach, was Cathrine, born Feb. 6, 1791, married to David Hertzler, born in 1780, died in 1844. They moved from Upper Bern Twp., Berks Co. to Mattawana, Mifflin Co., in the spring of 1814. One of their children, Levi Hertzler married to Caroline, a daughter of Christian and Polly (Riehl) Yoder.

The sixth child of Jacob and Barbara (Hertzler) Rickenbach was Jacob, born Oct. 5, 1792, married to Mary Seiver.

The seventh and eighth children of Jacob and Barbara (Hertzler) Rickenbach, were Eve, born Feb. 22, 1794, died in 1864, at the age of 76 years, and Barbara, born March 18, 1796, died at the age of 67 years. They both died single, and are buried in the old Rickenbach Cemetery, across the railroad tracks from the old farm buildings, beside their parents.

The ninth child of Jacob and Barbara (Hertzler) Rickenbach, was Joel Rickenbach, born Nov. 17, 1797, married to Cathrine Seiver. They moved from Berks Co. to Juniata Co., where they died, and are buried in the Renno Cemetery.

The tenth child of Jacob and Barbara (Hertzler) Rickenbach, was Sarah, born Sept. 25, 1799, married to Samuel Kurtz.

The eleventh child of Jacob and Barbara (Hertzler) Rickenbach, was Solomon Rickenbach, born March 20, 1802, married to Rosa Moyer. Solomon purchased the home farm at Rickenbach Station from his father, who in turn sold it to his son Curtis Rickenbach, who was the last of the Rickenbachs to occupy the old family farm.

The twelfth child of Jacob and Barbara (Hertzler) Rickenbach, was Abraham Rickenbach, born April 3, 1805, married to Cathrine Miller.

The thirteenth child of Jacob and Barbara (Hertzler) Rickenbach, was Benjamin, born July 13, 1807, married to Christiana Ulrich. This completes the family of Jacob and Barbara (Hertzler) Rickenbach. It seems this family had a major part in the development of Rickenbach Station, including the manufacturing of cement and the building of the canal boats. As one views the old stone house, he will notice at the one gable end near the roof a special stone set in the wall with the inscription carved in: "Built by Jacob and Barbara Rickenbach, 1817."

The next on the list of the family of John and Ann Rickenbach of Caernarvon Twp., is Anna, born Jan. 14, 1760, died March 22, 1836, married to John Hertzler, son of John and Veronica (Rickenbach) Hertzler. We will not go into details with the names of this family as they are all recorded in the Hertzler Family History. You will notice that in the Hertzler Book the wife's name of John Hertzler is Ulrica, which probably was a misprint, or may be sort of a nickname, but in all the legal documents found, her name is given as Anna Rickenbach, wife of John Hertzler.

The next on the list of children of John and Ann Rickenbach of Caernarvon Twp., is Barbara Rickenbach, married to John Yoder, born about 1754, and better known in his time as "Preacher Yotter Hannes." He was a son of John and Magdalena (Mast) Yoder. (Writer's Note: Some seem to think that the latter, mentioned above, or Senior John was called "Yotter Hannes," which is very doubtful, because he was born around 1725, and would have made him a very old man to build a house and barn around 1810.)

Yotter Hannes Yoder and wife Barbara Rickenbach very likely started housekeeping in Berks Co., Pa. But in 1793 when her father's estate was settled they were living in Bedford Co., Pa., which is now Somerset Co., Pa. Sometime later he moved to Mifflin Co.

on the farm where Stephen P. Yoder now lives. Here he built a stone barn, and house, which house has been torn down and rebuilt. Soon after the erection of the buildings they sold out and with their family moved to Half Moon Valley in Centre Co., Pa. It is not known where he was ordained to the ministry, but it appears to have been in Mifflin Co. Yotter Hannes was a brother to Bishop Rote Yost Yoder, also of Centre Co., and therefore being an uncle to Minister Joel Yoder of the same place. Pre. Yotter Hannes moved from Centre Co. to Wayne Co., Ohio, probably to one of his children, where he died.

To them were born the following children, namely: (1) Yost Yoder, born 1775, married to Sarah Yoder, born 1776 at Port Royal, Juniata Co., Pa., daughter of John and Barbara Yoder; (2) Jacob, born 1779, married to Mary Keim, and moved from Centre Co. to Wayne Co., Ohio, where he died; (3) Magdalena, born 1782, married to Christian King; (4) Christian Yoder, born 1784, died 1850, lived in Mifflin Co., Pa. and was better known as "Keifer Christ," he married to Esther Hertzler; (5) Anna Yoder, born 1786, died 1877 in Wayne Co., Ohio, married to Henry Yoder, who was a son of Yost Yoder, who married as his second wife, Mary Seiver of Berks Co.; (6) Barbara Yoder, born 1789, married to Daniel Yoder and moved to Holmes Co., Ohio, where they died; (7) Daniel Yoder,\* born 1792, died 1882, married to Nancy Yoder; (see \* below for further details of this family) (8) John, of whom we have no records; (9) Elizabeth Yoder, born 1799, died 1890 in Wayne Co., Ohio, married to Christian Hostetler. This family lived in Wayne Co., some of their children moved to Logan and Fairfield Cos. later on.

\*Daniel Yoder, son of John and Barbara (Rickenbach) Yoder, married to Nancy Yoder. They moved from Mifflin Co., Pa. to Logan Co., Ohio, from there to Holmes Co., Ohio, where they died. We will list their children and their ages and you will notice that only three of them were of old age, a few in their forties, but most of them in their twenties when they died. (1) Veronica Yoder, born 1821, died 1842, aged 21 yrs.; (2) Aaron Yoder, born 1822, died 1842, aged 20 yrs.; (3) Mary Yoder, born 1824, died 1916 in Holmes Co., married first to David Schlaubach, second to Solomon I. Miller; (4) Druscilla Yoder, born 1825, died 1863, married to John H. Kurtz;\* (see note below) (5) Christian Yoder, born 1827, died 1876, aged 49 yrs., married to Cathrine Hertzler; (6) Isaac Yoder, born 1829, died single 1857, aged 28 yrs.; (7) Simon Yoder, born 1831, died 1852, aged 21 yrs.; (8) Peter Yoder, born 1833, died single 1916; (9) Barbara Yoder, born 1835, died 1858, aged 23 yrs.; (10) Elizabeth Yoder, born 1837, died 1852, aged 15 yrs.; (11) Anna Yoder, born 1839, died 1932, married to David L. Kurtz; (12) Martha Yoder, born 1842, died 1926, married to Joseph Kauffman, as far as is known to the writer. The above mentioned children who died single all died in Wayne Co., Ohio.

\*The family of John H. Kurtz is widely known throughout the Amish Mennonite communities of the states. To mention a few families is the well-known

Andy Kurtz who moved from Plain City in Madison Co., Ohio to Buchanan Co., Iowa. His son Andy Jr. is deacon of that place, also his son Jonas Kurtz is a minister at Jamesport, Missouri. He also has a daughter, Susie Kurtz, married to Tobe Frey, who is a deacon in the Dave Nissley district in LaGrange Co., Indiana. From this Kurtz family is also Lydia Kurtz, married to Levi C. Yoder, second marriage to Samuel Kinsinger of Somerset Co., Pa. Of this family is Druscilla Yoder and Malinda Yoder. The children of the second marriage of Lydia Kurtz are Daniel, Henry, Abraham, Andrew, Roy, and Raymond Kinsinger. Most of this family resides in the vicinity of Meyersdale, Somerset Co., Pa., except Andrew S. Kinsinger who lives at Gordonville, Pa. and is the proprietor of the Gordonville Print Shop. This family also represents the seventh generation of Pre. Yotter Hannes and Barbara (Rickenbach) Yoder. Another daughter of John H. Kurtz is Malinda Kurtz, who was married to Jacob M. Lapp, who resided at Gordonville RI and was a minister, his son, Jacob K. Lapp was Bishop of the same place. So the children and grandchildren also represent the descendants of Pre. Yotter Hannes Yoder.

Another one of the family of John and Ann Rickenbach is Magdalena, married to Yost Yoder, born 1765 in Berks Co., Pa., son of Christian and Barbara (Hooley) Yoder. When John Rickenbach's estate was settled Yost and his wife Barbara were living in Bedford Co., now part of Somerset Co. We have record that Yost died in 1793, leaving six children. This is all we have of this family at present.

Another daughter of John and Ann Rickenbach is Maria, or Mary, born Oct. 28, 1761, married to John Lapp, son of Pre. Michael Lapp. They moved from Berks Co., Pa. to Caernarvon Twp., Lancaster Co., and from there to Leacock Twp., between Gordonville and Soudersburg, where he purchased over three hundred acres of land. The home farm is occupied by Jesse Lapp, they being the seventh generation to occupy the same farm. For further details on this family see the 1970, October issue of THE DIARY.

Another daughter of John and Ann Rickenbach is Margert, married to Jacob Lapp, also a son of Pre. Michael Lapp. They moved from Caernarvon Twp., Lancaster co., Pa. to Clarence Center in Erie Co., New York in 1828, about sixteen miles east of Buffalo. He was ordained to the ministry the next year and about one year later his son John to the same position. See the 1970, October and November issues of THE DIARY.

Another daughter of John and Ann Rickenbach is Cathrine, married to Michael Lapp Jr., son of Pre. Michael Lapp Sr. Michael Lapp Jr. died at about the age of thirty years, leaving two children, John and Rebecca Lapp. John married to Elizabeth Zook and for a while lived in Mifflin Co., then to Union Co., then to Lancaster Co., known as "Valley John Lapp." Rebecca Lapp married to Christian Plank. These descendants are widely scattered throughout the states, especially in Wayne, Logan, and Champaign Counties, Ohio.

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### THE THREE-CORNERED PIECE OF CALICO.

"I NEVER shall forget," said a lady to me, one day, "my first and last theft. It took place when I was a child, not more than seven or eight years of age.

"On my way to school, I used to stop in at Mrs. Bennett's almost every morning, to see her little daughter, Flora, one of the dearest little girls that ever lived. She was about three years old.

"One morning, I found Mrs. Bennett making a dress for Flora, of the most beautiful calico. I thought it the prettiest I had ever seen; and oh! how I wished I had a piece of that calico, to put in a patch-work quilt which I was making! but I did not like to ask for any.

"In a few minutes, Mrs. Bennett left the room. I picked up a three-cornered piece that lay on the floor, and hid it in my bosom. I then started for school, every now and then looking at my beautiful calico, and thinking how cleverly I managed to get it.

"But, all at once, the thought came into mind, that I had stolen it; and I began to feel very bad. At school, I could not attend to my lessons; there seemed to be great lumps in my throat, and the three-cornered piece of calico, in my bosom, felt as if it were piercing me with every point.

"The teacher asked me if I felt sick. I was going to reply, 'Yes;' but I thought in time, 'No; I will not be guilty of telling a lie, besides stealing.' So, I told her that I felt bad.

"She very kindly told me to go out in the playground for a little while, and said she thought I would soon feel better. Oh, how I wished she had not been so kind! I thought if she only knew what a wicked girl I was, she would never have spoken to me so kindly.

"I went out, and tried to find a place to hide the piece of calico; but where to put it, I did not know. I thought every body would be sure to see it, and know that I had stolen it. I spied a little hole in a post, and thought that that would be a good hiding-place.

"I crowded it into the hole, and fancied that I felt happier; but the bright and beautiful colors still haunted me. I thought the children would surely find it, and I must look for some more secure place. I took it out again, and tried to chew and swallow it; but I soon found I could not do it. Oh, how wretched I was beginning to feel!

"On my way home from school, I had to cross a bridge over a running stream of water; and there, I thought I could surely get rid of the calico. I threw it over, and watched it slowly floating down the stream.

"It soon whirled into a little eddy, and kept floating round and round in a circle. Would it never float out of sight; and if it did, where would it go? Would it not be sure to float right in sight of some one who would know that it was Mrs. Bennett's calico, and that I had stolen it?

"While I leaned over the bridge, and watched it with all the agony of childish remorse, it caught against the root of a tree which grew upon the bank, and there it stuck, where every one could see it. I was sure they could not, and would not see any thing else.

"Soon I heard a carriage coming toward the bridge. I felt certain that Mrs. Bennett was in the carriage, that she would see the piece of calico, and tell all my uncles, and aunts, and playmates, and every one that knew me, that I had been stealing.

"I climbed over the bridge, crept down the bank, and hid until the carriage had passed. When all was quiet, I came out of my hiding-place, and tried to reach the calico; but my arm was too short. I took off my shoes and stockings, waded into the water, and, with a long stick, I reached the calico. But what to do with it, I did not know.

"While putting on my stockings and shoes, I made up my mind to take it back to Mrs. Bennett's, slyly drop it on the floor, and then run home. I soon reached the house. Mrs. Bennett was sitting by the window. I opened the door, threw the piece of calico into the hall, and was running away, when she called after me: 'Sarah, my dear child, what ails you?'

"I hardly dared return; but she called again. I went slowly back. 'Why, Sarah, what is the matter with you?' said Mrs. Bennett; 'you look quite pale. Why did you throw that piece of calico into the hall?'

"I stole it, when I was at your house, this morning,' said I; and I expected she would tell me never to come into her house again; that she could not allow such a wicked girl to play with her dear little Flora. But she put her arms around me, and said, 'My poor child!'

"I had not shed a tear all day; but my head felt as if it would burst, and my throat ached. Those three words went to my poor little heart, and I burst into tears. 'Sarah, dear,' she said, as she drew me close to her side, 'tell me all about it.'

"I did tell her, and my heart grew lighter and lighter. When I had finished, she said, 'I am sure I need not say a word to add to your sorrow; you have suffered enough to-day, and I so not think you will ever be tempted to be dishonest again.'

"She then gave me a few pieces of the pretty calico, and told me to put them into my patch-work; and, whenever I saw them, to remember this day. My children now sleep under that quilt; and I never see it without calling to mind the trouble I had with that beautiful three-cornered piece of calico."

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### THE FARMER'S PARROT.

A farmer, after working hard for several weeks, succeeded in planting a large field with corn. But, as soon as the tender blades peeped out of the ground, the crows found their way into the field, and began to pluck them up.

The farmer, not being willing that the germs of a future crop should be thus destroyed, determined to drive them away. Accordingly, he loaded his trusty

gun with the intention of shooting the crows, the next time they came into his field.

The farmer had a talkative and mischievous parrot, which was allowed the freedom of going wherever it pleased. "Pretty Poll," being a lover of company,—not caring whether good or bad,—and seeing the crows in the cornfield, hobbled over all obstacles, and was soon in the midst of the black robbers, that were pulling up the corn.

The farmer, seeing the havoc they were making, seized his gun, and crept along slyly beside the fence, till he came within a few rods of the bold thieves. He leveled his musket, and fired in their midst. With the report of the gun, were heard the screams of the crows, and a shriek from "Poor Poll."

The farmer went to see what effect he had produced. Looking among the lifeless crows, he was greatly surprised to find his mischievous parrot stretched out upon the ground, with feathers sadly ruffled, and a leg broken.

"You foolish bird!" exclaimed the farmer, "this is the result of keeping bad company." The parrot

REGINA, THE GERMAN CAPTIVE;  
or,  
TRUE PIETY AMONG THE LOWLY.

By Rev. R. Weiser.

Continued from last month

Chapter V. — The Widow and Her Only Son—All That Is Left of a Once Happy and Properous Family.

We last saw Mrs. Hartman on the old horse, with little Christian behind her, on their way to the mill, talking with John Hartman at the fence. Ah, little did this unfortunate family think this would be the last time they would ever meet in this life! Little did Mrs. Hartman think that when she left her dear husband she should never see him again in this world! When she turned round the corner of the field, and saw the smoke gracefully ascending from the chimney of her happy home, little did she expect to find it a heap of ashes on her return! But so it was; such was the cup of sorrow this good and holy woman was called upon to drink.

Mrs. Hartman went on to the mill, and, according to arrangements, she spent the day with the miller's wife, who had been very sick, but was now improving. The miller and his wife had also come from Germany; and although they, too, were members of the Lutheran church, yet they had very little experimental knowledge of religion. The severe attack of illness had a very happy effect upon the miller's wife, and she was, therefore, delighted with Mrs. Hartman's visit, for she knew her to be a serious, God-fearing woman; and although she once thought her rather too severe in her religion, yet she now rejoiced in the opportunity of conversing with her on heavenly things. They, therefore, had quite a pleasant meeting; and Mrs. Hartman was as much edified in imparting instruction as the other woman was in receiving it. Thus "he that watereth shall himself be watered." Mrs. Hartman loved, on proper occasions, to talk about her Savior Jesus Christ, or, as she used to call him,

did not reply, probably because it did not know exactly what to say. He carried "Poor Poll" to the house; and when the children saw the wounded leg, they exclaimed: "What did it, father? What hurt our pretty parrot?"

"Bad company! bad company!" answered "Poor Poll," in a solemn voice. "Ay, that was the cause," said the farmer. "Poll was in company with the wicked thieving crows when I fired, and received a shot which was intended for them."

The children then put a bandage around the broken leg, and, in a few weeks, the parrot was as lively as ever. But it never forgot the adventure in the corn-field, and the lesson it had been taught while in company with the crows.

It was said, after this, that, if the farmer's children wrangled among themselves, or engaged in play with quarrelsome companions, the parrot would cry out, "Bad company! bad company!" Remember the words of the parrot, my young friends, and always shun bad company.

"mein lieber Heiland," or, "my dear Savior." She loved to magnify his grace.

She used to sing with deep emotion, with her strong, clear voice, that beautiful German hymn, beginning—

"O! dass ich tausend zungen hatte;"  
which reads thus in English:—

"Oh, that I had a thousand voices!

A mouth to speak with thousand tongues,  
Then with a heart his praise rejoices,  
Would I proclaim in grateful songs,  
To all, wherever I might be,  
What the good Lord has done for me.

"What equal praises can I offer,

Dear Jesus, for thy mercy shown?  
What pangs, my Savior, didst thou suffer,  
And thus for all my sins atone!  
Thy death alone my soul could free  
From Satan, to be blest with thee,"

This was one of her favorite hymns, and she could sing it "with the spirit and the understanding," too.

While they were seated at the dinnertable, she, for the first time, felt a strange and unaccountable sensation. Home rushed most vividly into her mind, and she felt very uneasy, and said she was afraid something had happened, and that she would immediately go home; but the miller and his wife talked her out of it. She remained, therefore, until toward evening, but did not seem to be as cheerful and happy as she had been in the morning.

At length, about four o'clock in the afternoon, she had the grist put on the horse, and little Christian, with the help of the miller, who took him by the leg, mounted the bag. Mrs. Hartman walked before. Little Christian knew how to ride, and how to guide the horse; but riding on a meal-bag was a strange business to him, and every now and then he would call for his mother to pull the bag over to one side or the other. At length they were approaching the end of

the forest on the borders of their farm. Now, the house and barn were so situated that as soon as you would get out of the forest they would be the first objects that would strike the sight. When Mrs. Hartman, therefore, came toward the opening, she saw smoke ascending in large, heavy, dark columns. She was at a loss to know what it meant. She hastened her steps, and, when she came to the edge of the forest, looked for the house. For a moment she was bewildered, and scarcely thought any thing. At length she swept her eyes over the whole clearing from forest to forest, but no house met her view. She then thought that perhaps she had taken the wrong road and got into another clearing. But no; this could not be;—there were the well-known trees; there was the great and beautiful pine-tree that stood close to the house, through whose lofty branches she had so often heard the gentle winds sighing; there were the well-known fields; there was their lane, and there was the orchard. She was still perplexed, when little Christian called out,—

"Why, mother, where is our house?"

Just then the truth began to flash upon her mind. The house and barn had caught fire and burned down. She immediately commenced running, and never stopped till she was in the yard. But where was John, and George, and Barbara, and Regina? they were not there; what had become of them? Perfectly overcome, she sat down on a log near the gate to try and collect her thoughts. What a dreadful situation for a woman, a wife, a mother, to be in!—the awful ruins around her, and the dreadful, the agonizing suspense! She called for her husband, her children, but she heard nothing save the echo of her own tremulous voice. She then looked toward the house, and there she saw blood, (it was the blood of Wasser;) then the Indian massacres, of which she had often heard, rushed into her mind, and she concluded that her whole family was murdered. What was to be done now? She raised her heart to God in prayer. God heard her and gave her strength. When Christian came up she took the bag from the horse and set it down by the great pine-tree, but could not answer the many questions that little Christian asked her. What to do she did not know. At length she made up her mind that she would take the horse and ride over to their nearest neighbor's, which was about three miles over a considerable hill. But what was to be done with little Christian? She concluded to take him on behind. She started and rode as rapidly as she could through the woods. When she reached the house she was so excited and overwhelmed that for some time she could not tell them what was wrong. It was now nearly dark. But the man of the house and his son (nearly a grown man) said they would go over and see how things looked. Early in the morning the few neighbors in the settlement were all apprised of the terrible calamity, and all gathered around the smoking ruins of John Hartman's once pleasant home. The neighbors were very kind to the poor widow. The rubbish was removed from the smoking ruins, and only two skeletons were found. This, together with the fact that fifteen Indians

with three girls were seen that evening by a man who was coming up the mountain, led them to the conclusion that Hartman and his son George had been massacred by the Indians, and that Barbara and Regina were carried into captivity. This captivity was more terrible than even death itself.

Mrs. Hartman was deeply distressed for her husband and her children—but, as she knew that "our light afflictions, which are but for a moment, shall work out for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory," she put her trust in God, and used to say, "Though he slay me, yet will I put my trust in him." Though she was a very pious woman before, these severe afflictions brought her nearer to God her Savior.

The neighbors at once agreed that they would build her another house, and actually met a few days after and put her up a right comfortable little dwelling. The kind neighbors also gave her bedclothes and furniture, and did every thing they could to make her comfortable. Some men met one day and cut her winter's wood; and thus God supplied her wants. But still she was not happy. The fate of her dead husband and son she could have borne; but the terrible condition of Barbara and her beloved Regina,—this was more than human nature could endure. In worldly matters she fared well enough, but her wounded heart would not be comforted. If she could only hear something of her poor lost daughters,—yea, if she could only hear that they were dead,—it would be a great relief to her mind; she could then calmly submit to the will of God. But she could hear nothing of her children. Many were the inquiries she made. Often she crossed the Blue Mountains to see the Rev. Nicholas Kurtz and Conrad Weiser, to learn something of her children; but all in vain. But from time to time, as she heard of children that were taken by the English soldiers from the Indians, she would always go and see if her lost children were among them.

She had loved all her children with a warmth of affection which only a loving mother's heart can know; but somehow or other Regina had so wound herself around the heart of her mother that she could never give her up. She thought of her all the day long; and at night, when she lay upon her bed, she would dream of her lost Regina. Once she dreamed that Regina had returned safe and sound. She ran to embrace her, and uttered such a terrible scream of rejoicing that it awoke her, and to her great sorrow she found it was only a dream! Sometimes, too, in her imagination, she would hear the clear joyful voice of Regina, as it used to ring out around the beloved home.

Nine long and tedious years rolled tardily along, and yet no tidings of her lost Regina. Time could not heal the wounds afflictions like these had made upon her heart. But as every thing in this world has an end, so, too, the long dream of agony had its termination; and hope and happiness once more dawned upon the withered heart of the lone widow in her forest home.

## CHAPTER VI.

The Captivity—In which we have an Account of what befell the poor Girls, Barbara and Regina, and the Hardships the Captives endured among the Indians.

We last saw Barbara and Regina standing near the fence talking with little Susan, while their father's house and barn were burning and the Indians dancing in hellish glee around. When the fire had fairly laid hold of part of the house and barn, and the flames were rising higher and higher, they gathered up their plunder and drove their captives before them, one of them taking the lead. The leader's name was Pot-towasnos, which means, in the Indian language, "the Boat-pusher." This was a great brawny fellow; he took long steps, and walked so fast that the children, as well as some of the Indians who had short legs, had often to run in order to keep up with him. Each one, except the chief, carried a bundle of plunder. Barbara and Regina had also to carry a load. They had nothing on their heads or feet. The little girl Susan, too, was bareheaded and barefooted. After they had traveled about an hour and a half, the little girl could run no more, having cried herself almost out of breath, and her little feet being wounded with the sharp stones over which they had to pass. At length she fell down; the Indian that was next to her came up to her and gave her a kick or two and raised her to her feet, but she soon fell to the ground again. When she fell the second time one of the Indians gave a terrible yell, and they all stopped. This was the first halt that had been made. As soon as they halted they all came and stood around the poor child. One of the Indians then took her by the arms and placed her on her feet, but she fell again. He then raised her up again, and drew his tomahawk from his belt, and was just about to bury it in her head, when the chief cried out in a terrible voice, no doubt commanding him to desist. Other arrangements were then made. Barbara had to take Regina's load in addition to her own; and Regina, though but a child herself, had to carry Susan. These arrangements having been made, they started off again. And it was well for poor Regina that it was near night, for if she would have had to carry the child very far she would certainly have sunk under her burden. But when it became dark, Regina put the little girl down on the ground, and took her by the hand and helped her along; in this way they got along very well. They traveled on till near midnight; and, at last, they came to a halt on the banks of a little stream.

They built a fire and cooked their supper, which consisted of new corn, which they had brought along. They had the corn in a bag; it was a kind of hominy, or dried corn. This, together with some of the bread they had brought from Hartman's, constituted their supper. They ate several kettles-full; and when they were done eating they motioned to the girls to go to the kettle and eat. The children also picked up some pieces of bread. They were very hungry, especially little Susan, who had not eaten any thing since morning but a few apples she had picked up while passing through Hartman's orchard.

When the Indians were done eating they sat around the fire and had a long talk and smoked their pipes;

no doubt recounting the horrid achievements of the day. They also had some liquor in flasks, which they called "lum,"—meaning, no doubt, rum,—of which they partook very freely, and then slunk away to places of repose. The girls were also motioned to lie down. The Hartman girls lay down, with little Susan, under a thick laurel-bush; and as one bundle they had, consisted of several blankets and a coverlet, they opened them out and covered themselves with them. Thus they had a pleasant sleep. But this good fortune did not always follow them. Barbara and little Susan soon fell asleep, but Regina could not close an eye. She thought of her murdered father and brother, and of her dear absent mother. She cried enough to break her poor heart, and at last fell asleep, but only to be disturbed by the awful visions of the horrid and bloody scene she had witnessed during that eventful day.

In the morning the Indians rose pretty early, and some of them took their guns and went out to shoot game. They soon returned with a large wild turkey and a number of squirrels. These were cooked for breakfast; soon after which they started again. They kept in the forest nearly all day; and hard indeed was the fate of the poor girls. Their feet became very sore, so that they could scarcely walk, yet they had to go or be tomahawked. Sometimes Regina carried little Susan, and sometimes she led her by the hand.

At noon, the Indians came to a halt on a large stream of water, which was no doubt the North Branch of the Susquehanna River. Thence they traveled day after day up the river, through wet and through dry, for it rained for several days.

When they had been on this dreary journey some five or six days, poor Barbara took sick. Her feet were wounded and swollen and inflamed, so that she was thrown into a severe fever. Toward evening she told Regina that she could go no farther, and that she would rather die than to suffer any longer as she had done. But Regina still encouraged her, and even carried both the bundles. The Indians halted somewhat earlier that day, or Barbara would certainly have given out. As soon as they stopped she lay down on the cold, damp earth, which increased her fever. She could eat nothing that evening, and at night she could not sleep. She became deranged, and frequently alarmed poor Regina, who had never seen any person in the delirium of a high fever. About midnight she called for water, and poor Regina did not know how to get it; she was afraid if she would rise to go for water the Indians would shoot her. But Barbara still called for water. At length Regina rose up and went toward the fire, where there was a tin cup, which she took to the Indian who was on guard, and pointed to her sister and then toward the river. He nodded. So she went and got her a drink. After she had drank, she became more quiet; but in the morning her feet and legs were so swollen, and she was so weak, that she could not stand. Poor Regina tried to help her up, but she would sink down again. While Regina was trying to help her up, some of the brutal savages noticed the scene and laughed at the poor sick girl. Oh, what cruelty! what inhuman

monsters they were! One of them even went up to the poor sick girl, and raised her up several times only to see her fall. Barbara was so weak, and so sick and full of pain, that she told Regina she would rather die than live. If the Indians killed her she would go to her dear Savior. Poor Regina wept bitterly at the thought of losing her sister.

When breakfast was over, arrangements were made for starting. Barbara could not walk. The Indians tried to make her walk; but it was impossible. They threatened her with the tomahawk, but all had no effect; it was out of her power to walk. What was now to be done? The Indians all gathered round her and examined her swollen and inflamed feet; but their hearts were harder than the nether-millstone,—no compassion was awakened in those hardened savages. Barbara was resigned to her fate, looking back upon the murder of her father and brother and looking forward to her Savior in heaven; and, remembering the words of her Savior, "Fear not them that can kill the body," she looked almost with joy upon the end of her suffering. She was now rational; her heart was lifted up to God in prayer. The Indians held a short consultation; then one of them walked right up to Barbara and sank his tomahawk into her head—and she hardly moved. She was then scalped. Regina was so overcome that she shrieked out and threw herself upon the yet writhing body of her sister; but the Indian fiends tore her away and soon after moved off. Regina's feet were also very sore, and so were little Susan's. Before the Indians started they made Regina tear broad pieces from the woolen petticoat of her murdered sister and tie them around her feet and the feet of Susan. This turned out to be of great advantage to the poor girls. The Indians did not want to lose these children; they expected to receive a ransom for them. It was the love of gain, and nothing else, that induced them to take any care of them.

It may be well enough here to state that on this excursion the Indians had only murdered two families,—viz.: the Hartman family, as we have seen, and a family by the name of Smith, who lived about eight miles from Hartman's. The man had lost his wife, and little Susan was his only child. The Indians killed him before daylight, on the same day that they came to Hartman's and carried off the little girl. This is the way Susan came into their cruel hands.

Sad indeed were the thoughts of Regina now. Her father, her brother, and her sister, were all gone, and her poor mother she never expected to see again; and what would become of her?

But the journey still continued,—though the Indians did not seem to be in much of a hurry. Sometimes they traveled only eight or ten miles a day; and when it rained they made sheds and kept them selves dry. But it was getting very cold, and on the ninth or tenth day it snowed. The poor children almost perished. Regina found an old apron of her mother's; this she tore in two pieces, and put one piece around her head and the other around the head of Susan. This kept their heads warm. The pieces of cloth they had

round their feet were turned and shifted from time to time as they became torn. They had plenty to eat, such as it was,—mostly parched corn and fresh meat, without salt, though roasted or cooked in the camp-kettle.

The little girls were now no longer watched so closely, for the Indians knew well enough that they would not attempt to run away. Sometimes the Indians would go out from camp and bring in a bear and two or three deer in one day. The bear-skin belonged to the one who shot it; but the deer-skins, like all the meat, were common property. The Indians made moccasins of them; and one of them made moccasins also for our poor little girls. This was delightful; they could now get along so much better, and their feet were kept warm. This was like a green spot in the dreary desert of their captivity.

Poor little Susan could not understand why she should be taken so far from home, and used to ask Regina, in German, if they would soon get home. Alas! poor child, she had no home! Regina, though but a child herself, acted the part of a mother to her. She did every thing she could to make her comfortable; she would always get her a drink, and at night she would cover her up warmly with the blankets. And when the poor little thing would cry, as she often did, Regina would try to comfort her. She became much attached to Regina. They were indeed little companions in affliction.

Thus they traveled on some eighteen or twenty days before they got to the end of their dreary journey. But alas! when they got to the end of their journey their condition was no better than it had been on the way. It is true, they had not to walk and carry bundles, but they had many other hardships to endure. They were now somewhere in New York, and fell to the lot of a young Indian who had been on this excursion, and who perhaps had been more brutal than the rest.

Now just imagine the condition of these poor unfortunate children, far from home and friends, in a wild country, and among cruel savages. How thankful you ought to be, my dear young readers, that your lot is cast in a different age, and that you have kind friends to provide for you and take care of you.

Still, the poor girls were glad their journey was ended. The young Indian, when they came to their grand halt,—or the place from which they had started,—took the children (though not the blankets) to his little hut, called a wigwam. It was a very small log hut, with a bad roof, and open on all sides; still, it was better than none. Here they found an ugly old Indian woman, who was the mother of the young Indian. This was now their home. Here they spent many a sad and dreary year.

**CHAPTER VII.**  
Regina and Susan in Captivity—Their Hardships—The Cruelty of the Old Squaw—How they spent their Time—Their Affection for each other.

We have followed Regina to the place of her captivity; let us now look into her abode, and her toils, and her sufferings.

The name of the old squaw, in whose charge she was placed, was Shelackla, which means "a dark or rainy cloud." She was as drunken, cross, unfeeling, and ill-natured an old hag as is rarely seen. She was never sober when she could get any thing to get drunk with, and, when drunk, she was a perfect fury. Her son, although himself a very bad man, could not remain with his mother. Hence he often left her for weeks together, to provide for herself or starve. She was old and decrepit, and much crippled with the rheumatism, so that most of the time she could not walk. This fact saved poor Regina many a severe blow. Regina had to carry all the wood to the wigwam that was needed; and in the summer she had to gather all kinds of fruits and roots, and in the winter she had to catch all kinds of wild animals for meat, to sustain the old squaw. Every time she came home without the quantity and quality the old hag wanted, she would beat her most unmercifully. She seemed to take pleasure in hearing Regina and little Susan screaming. Sometimes she was very kind, and would give the girls a piece of dried venison, or a handful of parched corn, or a few dried whortleberries. The children's clothes were soon torn into tatters. Of course, when they were worn out they got no others, but had to dress just as the Indian children dressed. They had a kind of sack, made of deer-skin, just large enough to go over the body, and extending from the hip-bones almost down to the knees. This curious bag-shaped garment was either kept up by being tied around the waist with a bark string, or supported by suspenders over the shoulders, also made of bark. The arms, legs, and all the upper part of the body, were naked and exposed to the cold; still, in very cold weather, Regina had also a small, dirty, thin blanket, and moccasins and leggings. But it was a long time before the poor girl could become fully reconciled to such an outlandish dress. But what was to be done? she could not help herself.

When she was sent out into the woods for any thing, she often kneeled down under a tree and recited all the prayers and hymns she had learned from her dear mother. She often took little Susan along and taught her to sing and pray. But she had no books, and no person to speak German to but little Susan; and the old squaw would not let them speak German, so they had to learn the Indian language; and they soon learned to name the few things around them, and in a short time they could understand the old hag, who spoke only the Indian language, so that in the course of a few years Regina forgot to speak the German; but, in consequence of the prayers and hymns she had learned in her father's house, she could always understand the German language, though she could not speak it.

There were other Indian families living in the neighborhood, and sometimes Regina was sent to a neighbor's house, which the Indians call "wigwam." Regina became acquainted with a number of little Indian children, and some of the Indian girls were very clever and kind to her. They formed quite an affection for her, and sometimes visited her at her own house, and taught her to weave bark and grass

baskets, and work beads on purses and moccasins, at which Regina became very expert, and did a great deal in the way of supporting her cruel mistress. She learned the Indian art of coloring from the old squaw with whom she lived. This old squaw had once been famous for her expertness in making all kinds of Indian things, and her cabin was hung all around with curious ornaments worked on skins and bark and different kinds of cloth. In her younger days she had a number of wampum belts, that were very beautiful; and these she would sometimes, when in a very good humor, show the girls, and tell them when she made them—so many moons ago, and she was so many moons making them.

Sometimes, when the little Indian girls would come to see Regina, if the old squaw was in a bad humor, she would drive them away with great fury; at other times she seemed glad to see them.

The Indian children had their sports, and plays, and pastimes; but they were generally of a rude nature, Regina never had much pleasure in them.

As Regina was of a very fair complexion, and had large blue eyes and red cheeks, the Indian children gave her the name Sawquehanna, which means, in their language, "a white lily." Little Susan, who was of a dark complexion and shorter than Indian children of her age generally were, they called Kno-laska, which means "a short-legged bear." By these names only were they known among the Indian children.

During the summer the poor captives fared pretty well; but in the winter they had hard times. Regina had to carry all the wood to the wigwam to keep the old squaw warm; and when they were out of provision she had to get it as best she could, and wo be to her if she came home without something to eat! She was sure to get a beating from her cruel mistress.

Time passed on—four, five, six years,—and no change;—the same dull round and routine of Indian life. Regina was now growing up toward womanhood; but, alas! her fair white complexion was turned to a tawny brown, and her once beautiful and glossy hair was in a bad plight. Her once buoyant and cheerful spirit was crushed by the brutal treatment she received and the many hardships she had to endure. The home of her childhood she could never forget. How could she forget her dear mother? She often thought of her once happy home, and wept when she thought of her mother, and wondered whether she would ever behold her face? She was not happy in her Indian home; she could not give up the idea of once more being permitted to see her white friends. She still continued to say her prayers, and often—very often—did she ask God to restore her to her dear mother. She also recollects a portion of her catechism, and taught little Susan all she knew of God and of his Son Jesus Christ. Her ideas of the Savior were not very clear, for she had forgotten much that she had once known; but, still, she knew that he had come into the world and died to save poor sinners. She knew, too, that he was a divine Being, and that she must pray to him; and as she recollects the creed distinctly, and often repeated it as one of her prayers, that fact kept the

true idea of the Savior and his mission into our world, his death and ascension, fresh in her mind. And then it seemed so strange to her that she should never hear any singing and praying, as she had been accustomed to in her father's house.

We stated a while ago, that the little Indian children sometimes came to Regina and Susan, and tried to make them happy, by introducing their rude and shocking plays. These plays consisted in running and jumping and scalping and torturing, and making the children run the gauntlet. This was a play Regina did not much relish. The plays of children are said, in all countries, to be derived mainly from the pursuits and labors of their parents. And it is no doubt true. The little son of the farmer will be apt to play horse; while the son of the mechanic will use a tool. Thus, in time of war, children will play soldier. So the little Indians would have their fun in the scalping-frolic and making each other run the gauntlet. Now, I suppose, many of my little readers do not know what this means; I will, therefore, explain it. When the Indians took a prisoner, they brought him before the great council, where his fate was determined upon. He was either to be shot with arrows, to be burnt alive, or to run the gauntlet. The running of the gauntlet was this:—All the Indians—men, women, and children—placed themselves in two long rows; each one had a stick or club in his or her hand; the prisoner was to run through the opening, and each was to strike him as he ran. Sometimes they would kill him; for if he was so unfortunate as to be knocked down—which often happened—he would never be permitted to rise, for they would all fall upon him with their clubs and beat him to death. This was one of the plays of those rude children of the forest. Little Susan was more interested in these rough plays than Regina.

We shall now leave these children a while, in their wild Indian home,—God will take care of them,—and return to the mother of Regina, and see how she is getting along, and see, too, whether she has forgotten her lost children.

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#### Chapter VIII. - The Home of a Desolate Widow— Her Thoughts—Her Hopes.

### OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

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in nearly all Amish communities in America, that an elder of the community will say they came from a certain county or state, except for some of the later migrations which may have settled further west and in some cases Amish families may still live on the homestead of an immigrant, but outside of Adams Co., Indiana, these places must be few and rare. One of the first writings to be found that can be fully relied on, regarding the first Amish Churches, is that of Bishop David Beiler, who lived near Ronks, Pa. Although he was in the fourth generation, he could recall some early experiences. He was born in what is now Lebanon Co. in 1786. Although his homestead was in a westward outlay of the main Northkill

body, he probably accompanied his parents to this mother church in his boyhood. Perhaps he could have written some of the late Northkill incidents. In his writings he mentions nine churches in the years of 1780 - 1790. He first mentions the Conestoge, then the Northkill or Blue Mountain, Big Valley, Chester, Tulpehocken, Reading, Glazer, Conemaugh, and Casselman's River. It is doubtful that these are written in rotation to age. The Tulpehocken District is the one he likely grew up in although he makes no mention of it. His writings were published in booklet form in 1928.

Other books that are particularly informative are those of C. Z. Mast, Harvey Hostetler, Silas Hertzler, and many other family history books give names and placements of the Northkill Church. In 1942 the "Annals of the Conestoga Valley" was released by C. Z. Mast and Robert Simpson. This book gives a wide range view of the early churches, with more names and placements, some names of bishops and ministers, listing many graveyards and many accounts of extreme historical interest. Not until nearly 30 years later did the land grant research work come into the picture, which was compiled by J. Virgil Miller of Bluffton, Ohio. This work opened the door to a good overall view of our ancestral homesteads in Berks Co., concentrating on the Northkill settlements. THE DIARY staff has been in contact with Huge L. Gingerich of Silver Springs, Md., for a number of years. Gingerich has about twenty years of experience on fitting together our early families of the old church districts. His work has proved to be highly reliable. A few years ago Paul Hostetler of Hamden, Conn. has entered the field in locating and explaining old Amish homesteads. He has also uncovered an old alms book, late last year, by which we can get the widest inside view of the old church that was ever available before. With these three sources of information we can share with THE DIARY readers the most complete and reliable picture of our Fatherland in America. So we are proposing a series of articles on this subject that could well stretch over a period of a few years.

Because we consider J. Virgil Miller the leader in this field, we will present his sketch first as an opening to our articles. In a letter he kindly grants us permission to use his work which is quite extensive.

by Joseph F. Beiler

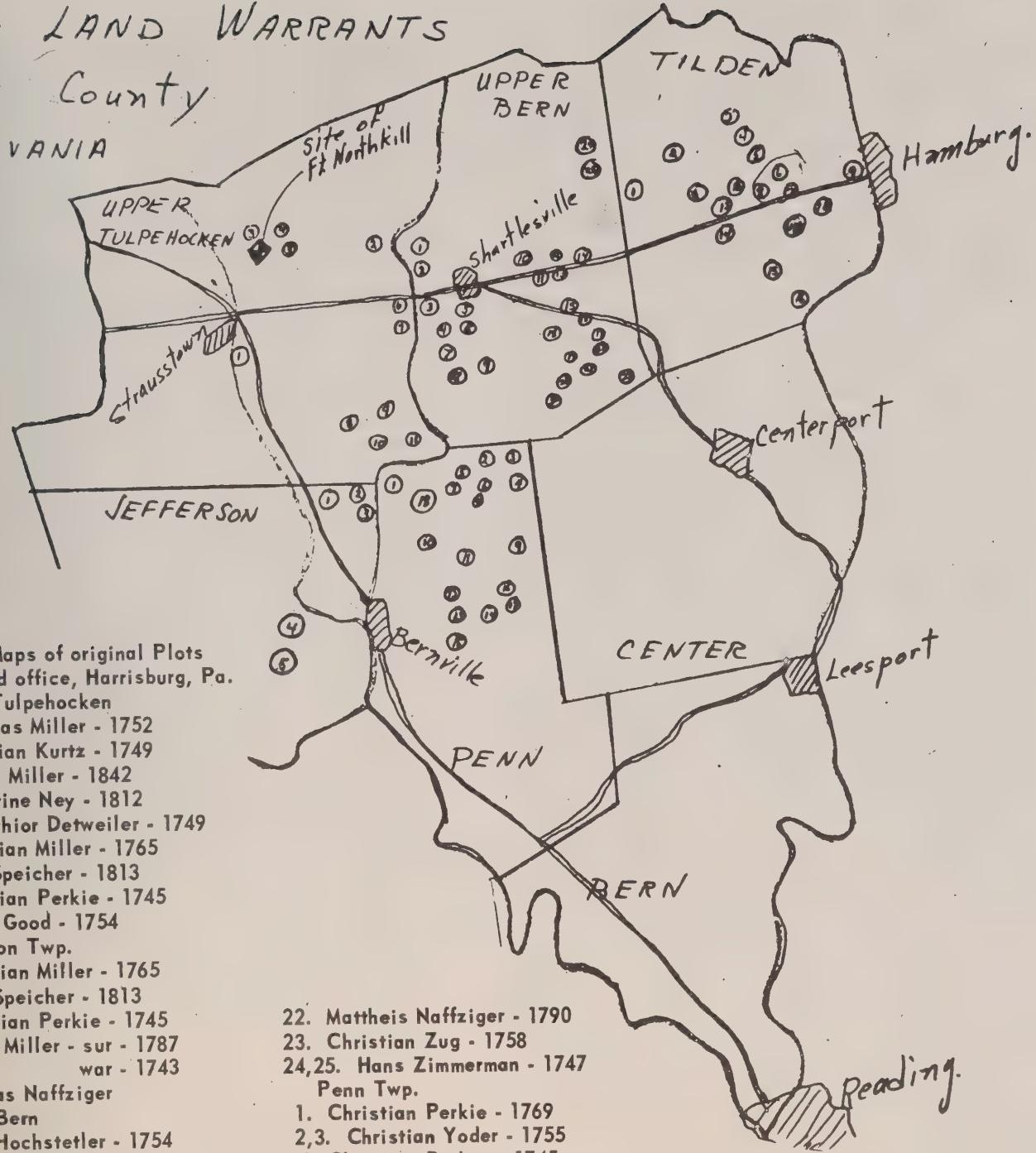
**Editorial Notes to the Land Grant Map** - The numbers are not very distinct and may not all be readable. However, this sketch will give the reader a good idea of the outlay of the church. You will note that Center Twp. is altogether vacant. This is because no one has ever compiled or arranged land grants of that township. Perhaps later research will reveal some. Heidelberg Twp. is absent, and this is where Johannes Kurtz homestead is, also Hans Blank, the Hooleys, Troyers, Reesers, and others are to be found there. They will come later. Some real early land grants are missing, such as Jacob Beiler (1737), the Lapps, the Rickenbachs, the Garbers, and some others which will come under other townships later. J. B.

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## EARLY LAND WARRANTS

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## OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

Every true religion has a Fatherland, and every true fatherland is a part of a religion. Now that our religion is in America for over two and one half centuries, certainly it must have a fatherland. In all religions a certain part of its inhabitants do not exercise thoughts pertaining to their ancestry. Some hold the value of genealogy at a low standard, while others regard and respect their forefathers as a token of appreciation to the inheritance of Gifts from Godly subjects in faith.

We believe that our religion is alive, wherever there is life, there is also blood. The blood in our visible church is two-fold. It is the blood of the Lamb that we believe in for Redemption of sins. If this belief were taken away the church would die at once. The other blood is of material nature, it lives from one time to another and from one generation to the next, which is in a sense genealogy, which composes the visible church. These two live together, has long been so as directed by our Creator. This cannot be changed nor erased. Should the later be totally neglected it would also mean a slow but sure death. It is our earnest desire and hope that we can keep this work at a good medium and in a well-balanced manner.

God's chosen family has always regarded family lines and respected their Fatherland. Abraham was called away from Chaldea into a strange land where his family lived as pilgrims for a few generations. For many years his Fatherland is kept silent in the Scriptures. From a passage in Hebrews 11, verses 15 and 16 we could believe that he left the old country behind him completely, never wanting to return, or to forget it all. But when he came to a ripe age,

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or just before his death he commanded his highly entrusted servant to take his son Isaac back to his fatherland for a life companion. Later on we find that Jacob and Joseph both were led into Egypt, and before they died they commanded unto their children that their remains should be carried back to their Fatherland to be buried. One of the most complete lines of genealogy to be found anywhere are in the first book of the New Testament. The Martyr's Mirror gives hundreds upon hundreds of accounts of how our forefathers endured persecution on account of their faith, which seemed to be the hardest in Switzerland. Perhaps it could be said that from 1525 to 1670 there was continuous persecution in Switzerland. Switzerland is a very small country. A man could probably walk with his family to the border in a day or two, where he could at times receive more tolerant terms. Time after time they were invited to other countries where conditions were tolerant, but most of the ancestors of those who migrated to America remained in Switzerland until they were driven out. We could give quite a few accounts of ministers and laymen who were released from bonds under conditions that they would leave the country and never return again. But in spite of all, they were back again in a decade, gravely endangering their lives. All this spells one thing, a deep love for their congregation, a strong desire to live in their Fatherland.

Now that we live in America in the land of Freedom, there are as high as ten generations gone before us. These two centuries and one half could well be compared to the silent years of the days of Abraham. Most of the first generation in America had little desire to look back into the old country, much less to return and this silence followed one generation to the next. Perhaps the time is ripe that we could benefit by learning of their hardships, their progress, and how the church was built from time to time. By now we have inherited so many rich possessions, spiritually and materially, that we take them for granted. Can we ever fully appreciate our privilege? Let us turn the pages of time back at least two hundred years.

### The Northkill Church

The name "Northkill" comes from the Northkill Creek that springs from the Blue Mountains, due south it crosses Route 22 a mile west of Shartlesville and dumps into the Tulpehocken Creek, just south of Bernville. The creek derives its name from Fort Northkill. Along the bank of this creek and its tributaries many of our ancestors acquired their first land grants in America.

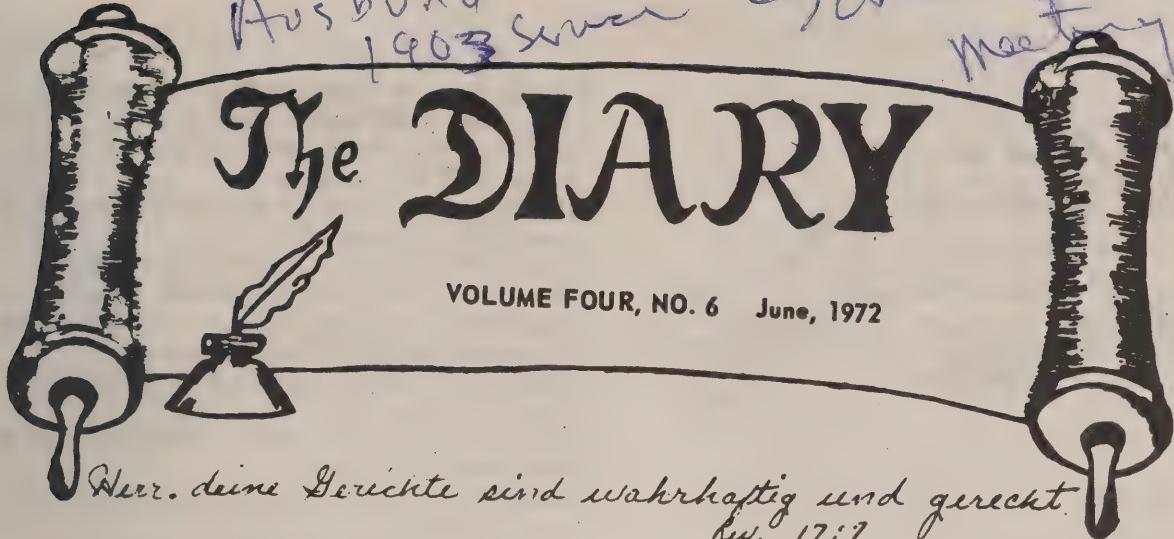
Compared to the time that has elapsed, little has been written about the early church in America, although we can gather a handful of books that give us much knowledge to certain subjects, such as names and dates of early settlers, and it has long been agreed upon that the early church was in Berks County. Much has been handed down from tradition. We heard our grandfathers say that their progenitor of this section came from Berks Co. This is probably true

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## FATHER AND SON DROWNED IN PEQUEA CREEK

Samuel K. Kauffman, 22, and baby, Benjamin M. Kauffman, almost 10 months old, of Ronks R1, Pa., were swept into the swollen waters of the Pequea Creek and drowned, in the afternoon of June 22. They had been to her mother's, Widow Sadie Stoltzfus of Bartville. On the way home when they came to the covered bridge on Belmont Road, they stopped and talked with a passing motorist. They were undecided to go through, but after talking a little, they decided to try it. When they had gone a short piece they were swept away by the swift waters. For about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile they clung to the wagon, which was tipping first on one side and then the other. Samuel had the baby but finally let him go. It seemed he just couldn't hold on anymore, and started swimming, but crying for help. Sarah, his wife, told him to go for a big tree stump, which it looked as if he was trying to do, but was swept away by the current and wasn't seen any more. Sarah managed to stay on the wagon till she came to a tree and hung on for about 45 minutes and was rescued by boat. The passing motorist whom they had talked with, saw everything and came to her rescue. The carriage and horse and baby were found early Friday morning, about a mile downstream. The horse was still in harness and fast to the wagon. But all day no signs of Samuel. Early Saturday morning around 500 people were searching and found him about 3 miles downstream. Double funeral services were held at the late home Monday, June 26.

(see obituary)

## INJURIES FATAL TO PA. MAN

Aquilla E. Kanagy, 24, Star Route, Belleville, Pa., who was kicked by a horse on May 8, (see front page of May issue) passed away June 15. He was some days slightly better, others worse, but all in all was serious all the time, suffering much pain. He then had staph infection and peritonitis, which caused his death. He was given 37 pints of blood.

(see obituary)

## AUTO-Buggy CRASH

### KILLS GRABILL, IND. WOMAN

A rural Grabill woman died from injuries, and 3 others were seriously injured Wed. July 5, on Wittmer Road, west of Grabill, Ind. Dying an hour after the accident, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, was Anna Graber, 34, Grabill R2, Ind. She received a broken neck. Seriously injured were other occupants of the buggy, including a daughter, Barbara Ann, 2, broken ankle and internal injuries, Mary Steury, 67, Grabill R2, Ind., head injuries, her husband Aaron Steury, 70, broken arm and lacerations. They are listed in poor to fair condition. County police said the buggy, driven by Mary Steury, had just turned onto Wittmer Road and was struck in the rear by a car driven by Edwin Zimmerman, 42, Grabill. The impact tossed the occupants from the buggy. Mrs. Graber was hurled into the opposite lane of the road. Leona D. Langacher, 51, Grabill R2, attempting to avoid the mishap, struck Mrs. Graber. Police said a \$300 horse, owned by Steury, was injured and destroyed. Also injured was Zimmerman, who has minor back injuries.

(see obituary)

## HURRICANE AGNES - JUNE 22, 1972

Newspaper clipping: "June Wettest Month Recorded By Weathermen."

"June, 1972 is now history but it undoubtedly will be remembered for a long time as it rewrote the record books, drowning any previous month's rainfall in Lancaster history.

"The National Weather Service totaled June's rainfall at 16.12 inches, six and one half inches more than the previous monthly record rainfall which has stood for 27 years. The previous record for rainfall was July, 1945, when 9.66 inches were recorded."

(end of quote)

A hurricane had built up and moved inland from the Gulf of Mexico toward New England, then stalled over this area. Wednesday the 21st rain came in

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## BIRTHS

## Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

- BEILER, Andrew H. (Naomi S. King) Bird-in-Hand R1  
a daughter RACHEL K. June 25
- BEILER, David E. (Rebecca Riehl) Narvon R2  
a daughter ANNA K., June 12
- BEILER, David Z. (Katie F. Kauffman) Ronks R1  
a daughter BARBARA K., June 19
- BEILER, Ephraim E. (Lydia S. Beiler) Leola R1  
a daughter ELIZABETH, June 21
- BEILER, Samuel U. (Sarah Smoker) Bird-in-Hand  
a son W. THOMAS, June 25
- BLANK, Christ K. (Susie Zook) Kinzers R1  
a daughter LENA Z. June 29
- EBERSOL, Eli (Sarah King) Gordonville R1  
a daughter VERNA, June 19
- FISHER, Amos S. (Anna Glick) 674 Hartman Station Rd  
Lancaster, a son SAMUEL S., June 25
- FISHER, Christian Z. (Annie S. Glick) New Providence  
R1, a daughter MARY G., June 22
- FISHER, David S. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Ronks R1  
a daughter ELIZABETH, June 7
- FISHER, John B. (Rachel Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3  
a son CHRIST E., June 3
- FISHER, Moses H. (Mary Lantz) Ronks R1  
a son LEROY, June 4
- FISHER, Reuben E. (Rachel Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1  
a daughter KATIE, June 21
- FISHER, Samuel E. (Barbara King) Paradise R1  
twin daughters REBECCA and RUTH, June 17
- GLICK, Eli K. (Sadie Zook) Gap R1  
a son AARON, June 5
- KING, Amos B. (Annie Smoker) 1975 Horseshoe Rd.  
Lancaster, a daughter SARAH B. June 29
- KING, Christian L. (Rachel Lantz) Ronks R1  
a son AARON L., June 29
- KING, Daniel K. (Emma Fisher) Lancaster R4  
a son REUBEN, June 28
- KING, Elam E. (Sadie King) Gordonville R1  
a son AMOS K., June 7
- KING, John A. (Emma Esh) Kinzers R1  
a son AMOS E., May 31
- KING, Omar F. (Barbara E. Fisher) Coatesville R2  
a son IVAN LEE, June 26
- KING, Samuel S. (Mary Anne Stoltzfus) Elverson R2  
a daughter SADIE MAE, June 23

LANTZ, Amos B. (Katie Stoltzfus) Leola R1  
a daughter SUSIE MARIE, June 11

LANTZ, John S. (Bena Stoltzfus) Gap R1  
a son JACOB S., June 26

MILLER, Christ B. (Naomi Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1  
a son LEVI S., June 13

STOLTZFOOS, David F. (Sadie K. Stoltzfus)  
New Providence R1, a son BENNIE, June 2

STOLTZFUS, Daniel S. (Malinda Fisher) Honey Brook  
R2, a daughter REBECCA F., June 25

STOLTZFUS, Eli (Mary Riehl) Bird-in-Hand R1  
a son ELI, June 23

STOLTZFUS, Isaac E. (Annie Fisher) Kirkwood R1  
a daughter ARIE, June 6

STOLTZFUS, Samuel K. (Lydia Beiler) Kirkwood R1  
a son, June 3

ZOOK, Aaron (Mattie Miller) Strasburg R1  
a daughter ANNA M., June 21

## Juniata County, Pennsylvania

LAPP, Jacob M. (Mary Wengerd) Mifflintown R2  
a son STEPHEN, June 7

YODER, Dan E. (Edna Weaver) Mifflintown R2  
a daughter ESTHER, June 8

## Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

KANAGY, Samuel (Mary Peachey) Allensville  
a daughter KATIE, June 17

PEACHEY, Benjamin (Sarah Swarey) Allensville  
a daughter ESTHER, June 3

YODER, Samuel (Susie Renno) Belleville  
a son JOSHUA, June 10

## Somerset County, Pennsylvania

BRENNEMAN, Ernest E. (Barbara Yoder) Grantsville  
Md., a son LEROY, June 10

KINSINGER, Samuel A. (Effie Summy) Meyersdale  
a son HARVEY S., June 10

## Crawford County, Pennsylvania

FEHR, Dietrich (Wilma Marner) Springboro, Pa.  
a son DIETRICH JR., June 19

## St. Mary's County, Maryland

STOLTZFUS, Amos S. (Rebecca Yoder) Mechanicsville  
a daughter SUSIE, June 28

SWAREY, Israel (Elizabeth Hostetler) Charlotte Hall  
a daughter HANNAH, June 3

## Dover, Delaware

BEACHY, Alva H. (Barbara Yoder) Dover R2  
a daughter SUSIE MAE, May 9  
BEACHY, Ervin D. (Susie Yoder) Dover R2  
a daughter EFFIE, March 17  
BEACHY, Herman D. (Susie Mast) Dover R2  
a daughter EMMA, January 16  
BEACHY, Simon D. (Sarah Yoder) Dover R2  
a son AARON, January 3  
BYLER, Eli C. (Ida Coblenz) Wyoming R1  
a son HARVEY, March 4  
BYLER, Henry A. (Alma Byler) Dover R5  
a son JOHN, January 15  
BYLER, Milo I. (Lydia Mast) Dover R2  
a daughter MALINDA, June 13  
HERSHBERGER, Atlee J. (Emma Hochstetler) Dover R5, a daughter ROSA, January 11  
KING, Jonas J. (Gertrude Byler) Dover R2  
a daughter RHODA, February 24  
MAST, Eli E. (Sarah Mast) Dover R2  
a daughter ELISE, January 16  
MAST, Elmer N. (Fannie Yoder) Dover R2  
a daughter CHRISTENA, January 17  
MAST, Henry A. (Katie Beachy) Dover R2  
a son NATHANEAL, January 17  
MAST, William (Emma Troyer) Wyoming R1  
a daughter MARY, March 21  
MILLER, Andy A. Jr. (Mary Yoder) Hartly R1  
a son ANDY III, May 28  
MILLER, Atlee A. (Barbara King) Dover R2  
a son MERVIN, January 24  
MILLER, John H. (Esther Byler) Wyoming R1  
twin daughters LYDIA and LAURA, May 13  
MILLER, John W. (Emma Mast) Wyoming R1  
a son WILLIAM RAY, January 30  
MILLER, Samuel J. (Barbara Troyer) Wyoming R1  
a daughter SYLVIA, June 19  
STUTZMAN, Herman J. (Lydia Mae Byler) Dover R2  
a son JERRY RAY, April 29  
TROYER, Jonas L. (Amanda Miller) Wyoming R1  
a son VERNON, May 22  
  
Johnson County, Iowa  
CHUPP, Irvin (Marjorie Miller)  
a daughter, April 10  
MAST, Lloyd (Vesta Yoder)  
a daughter EMMALETTA  
MILLER, Alvin S. (Ella Beachy)  
a son  
MILLER, Mark (Dora Miller)  
a son, May 17  
ROPP, Eldon (Anna Borkholder)  
a daughter INEZ, May 3  
SCHROCK, Jerry (Magdelina Bontreger)  
a daughter DELORIS, May 1  
YODER, Simon (Mary Susan Yoder)  
a son ELWYN JOE  
  
Jamesport, Missouri  
GINGERICH, Joe C. (Lydia Detweiler)  
a daughter NAOMI, May 25  
  
Mt. Elgin, Ontario, Canada  
BORNTREGER, Clemens (Sarah Miller)  
a son DANNY and daughter FANNIE, June 10

## Adams County, Indiana

HILTY, Jake Jr. (Lovina Graber) Geneva R2  
a daughter MARGARET, June 6  
SCHWARTZ, Jonas E. (Emms Eicher) Geneva R2  
a daughter EMMA, June 8  
SCHWARTZ, Noah F. (Suvilla Wengerd) Monroe R1  
a son MARK, May 31  
SCHWARTZENTRUBER, Tobe (Lovina Garber) Geneva R2 a daughter VERNA, May 23

## LaGrange County, Indiana

BEACHY, Alvin (Ida Lehman) Millersburg R1  
a son, July 2  
BEACHY, Elmer (Wilma Yoder) Topeka R1  
a daughter ERMA, May 22  
BEACHY, Marvin (Amanda Schrock) LaGrange R4  
a son DAVID M., June 4  
BONTRAGER, Levi (Ruby Miller) Shipshewana R1  
a son JOHN, June 11  
CHUPP, Lloyd (Edith Eash) Ligonier R4  
a son LARRY, June 28  
FREY, Freeman J. (Wilma Lambright) Topeka R1  
a daughter LAWANDA, June 17  
FREY, Richard (Barbara Miller) Millersburg  
a son DALE EUGENE, June 9  
LAMBRIGHT, Harvey (Fannie Yoder) Topeka R2  
a daughter KATIE H., June 6  
LEHMAN, Amos (Ruby Miller) Topeka R2  
a daughter ROSEMARY, June 5  
LEHMAN, John (Katie Mast) LaGrange R4  
a son LARRY JAY, July 1  
MILLER, Daniel A. (Ida Bontrager) Topeka R1  
a son HARLEY, June 23  
MILLER, Ervin (Alta Yoder) Topeka R2  
a daughter KATIE IRENE, May 26  
MILLER, Raymond (Lovina Miller) Wolcottville R2  
a daughter ANNA SUE, June 18  
MILLER, Raymond (Edna Yoder) Topeka R1  
a son ORVAN JAY, June 20  
MILLER, Sam E. (Ruby Miller) Wolcottville R2  
a daughter KATHRYN, June 16  
MULLET, Melvin (Mary Bontrager) LaGrange R4  
a daughter IDA ANNA, June 22  
SLABACH, Freeman (Edna Frey) Millersburg  
a son LA MAR DEAN, June 9  
TROYER, Richard (Mary Lambright) LaGrange R4  
a daughter EDNA SUE, June 13  
WEAVER, Vernon (Elva Miller) LaGrange R4  
a son, May 29  
WINGARD, Wilbur (Lizzie Ellen Frey) Middlebury R1  
a daughter LISA JANE, June 28  
YODER, Lloyd (Katie Miller) Middlebury R2  
a daughter MARY SUE, June 6  
YODER, Menno (Fannie Bontrager) Howe R3  
a daughter IVAN JAY, May 28

## Buchanan County, Iowa

GINGERICH, Levi D. (Maryann Schmucker)  
Independence, a daughter EMMA, June 23  
YODER, Henry A. (Katie Kauffman) Fairbank  
a son GLEN, June 20

*In meines Vaters  
Hause sind viele  
wohnungen Joh 14:2*

## OBITUARIES

### BEILER, Omar H., 72, Pine Craft Branch,

Sarasota, Florida, died Monday, June 5, at the Doctor's Hospital in Sarasota. He had been under a physician's care for several years. He lived in Sarasota for nine years. Prior to that he lived in Lanc. County since his birth. Born in Wittmer, he was a son of the late Jonathan and Katie L. (Lapp) Beiler. His first wife, Fannie B. Smucker, died in 1961. He is survived by his wife, Ann (Miller) Beiler, Sarasota; four sons, Jonathan Z., Strasburg R1; Eli S., Gordonville R1; Emanuel S., Strasburg R1; and Isaac S., of Gap R1; two daughters, Mary, wife of Chester Z. Stoltzfus, Talmage; and Katie, wife of Levi M. Stoltzfus, Narvon R2; 36 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Barbara, wife of Stephen E. Stoltzfus, Kennedyville, Md.; Suvilla, wife of Amos E. Stoltzfus, Elverson R2; and Fannie, wife of Melvin A. Stoltzfus.

Funeral services were held at the Chester Z. Stoltzfus home, Talmage, Friday, June 9, by Henry U. Fisher and Stephen E. Stoltzfus; hymn by Stephen Esh; burial at Stoltzfus Cemetery, Groffdale.

### BYLER, Dan H., 69, Dover, Delaware

died May 17, at the age of 69 yrs., 8 mo., 25 days. He had prostate surgery a year in Feb. and cancer had developed. He was born August 22, 1902, in Lawrence Co., Pa. Married 48 years to Lena J. Byler who survives, and the following children: Alvin and Harvey of Mifflinburg, Pa.; twins, (Sylvia) Mrs. Henry D. Beachy, (Ada) Mrs. Wm. A. Beachy; Henry Byler, at the home place; 32 grandchildren; one brother, Adam of Smyrna, Dela.; 2 sisters, Mrs. Andy Mast and Mrs. Harvey R. Byler of New Wilmington, Pa. Three brothers and 4 sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at the home place on May 21, by a nephew, Andy Farmwald of Guys Mills, Pa. and Bishop John J. Yoder; at the neighbors, Ray Millers, by Dan Beachy of Clark, Mo. and Neil Hershberger.

### GLICK, Christian S., 54, of Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.

died unexpectedly Thursday, June 29, at his home. He had been under the care of a physician. Born in Upper Leacock Twp., he was a son of the late Moses B. and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Glick. He is survived by his widow, Annie S. (Stoltzfus) Glick, Bird-in-Hand R1; two sons, Daniel M. Glick, Lititz R3, and Jonas S., Bird-in-Hand R1; a daughter, Rebecca, wife of Daniel U. Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1; 13 grandchildren; six brothers, Amos S., Lancaster; David S., Leola; Abner S., Christiana R1; John S., Quarryville R3; Daniel S., and Joseph S., Bird-in-Hand R1; three sisters, Katie, wife of Stephen Fisher, Kinzers R1; Barbara, wife of Benjamin Riehl, Ronks R1, and Malinda, wife of Henry Hertzler, Tavistock, Ontario.

He was ordained deacon in 1964.

Funeral services were held at the late home on July 1, by Bishop Jacob Miller of Smicksburg, Pa. and Bishop David K. Blank; hymn "Mein Lebens faden lauft zu ende" read by Daniel Dienner; burial in Upper Millcreek Cemetery.

### GRABER, Anna, 34, Grabill R2, Indiana

died one hour after a car-buggy crash on Wittmer Road, Grabill, Ind., July 5 (see front page). Surviving are her husband Samuel. She was born in Grabill a daughter of Mrs. Mary and the late Jacob Langacher. In addition to her husband she is survived by seven children, Jonas and Joan 9, Jacob 7, Victor 6, Mary 4, Barbara Ann 2, Samuel Jr. 5 weeks old. Also her mother, Mary Langacher, Grabill R.R., 3 brothers, Henry, Victor J. and Jacob J. of Grabill R2; four sisters, Erma, wife of Harvey Wagler; Margaret, wife of Bish. John Gruber, Grabill R1; Rosa, wife of Fred Wittmer, Grabill R2; and Mary, wife of Joe Schmucker, Fort Wayne R9, Ind. Mrs. Gruber was a lifelong resident of Grabill, Allen Co., Ind. Funeral services were held July 8 at the residence, burial in Amish Cemetery near Grabill.

### KANAGY, Aquilla E., 24, Belleville, Pa.

died June 15 after being kicked by a horse May 8. (see front page) One infant daughter preceded him in death. Surviving is one son, Titus, his wife, Annie, daughter of David and Lizzie Peachey, his parents, Ezra and Lavina Kanagy, 3 brothers and 4 sisters.

Funeral services were held at the home of his parents by Ephraim D. Riehl of Leola, Pa.; hymn "Welt hinweg ich bin dein mude" read by Joseph F. Beiler of Gordonville, Pa. Burial was in Allensville Cemetery; services by Bishop Jacob Byler.

### KAUFFMAN, Samuel, 22, Benjamin, 10 months

of Ronks R1, Pa. drowned June 22 (see front page). Samuel was born in Leacock Twp., July 23, 1949, a son of Benjamin M. and Lizzie Kauffman, Bird-in-Hand R1. Surviving are his wife Sarah. They were married in Nov. of 1970, lived in matrimony 19 months. Just this spring they moved into the farm house at Eli S. Kings (Budget scribe). Also surviving are the following brothers and sisters, Malinda, wife of Benj. E. Fisher, Ronks R1; Daniel E. of Bird-in-Hand R1; Elmer E. and John E. of Christiana R1; Benjamin E. of Bird-in-Hand R1; Fannie, wife of Daniel B. Stoltzfus of New Holland R2; Elam and Priscilla at home. Also the maternal grandparents, Ben and Annie Esh of Leola, and paternal step-grandfather, Daniel U. Stoltzfus of Honey Brook.

Benjamin M. Kauffman was born August 31, 1971 in Strasburg Twp. Surviving are his mother, Sarah; also the paternal grandparents, Benjamin M. and Lizzie Kauffman of Bird-in-Hand R1; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Sadie Stoltzfus, Christiana R1; paternal great-grandparents, Ben and Annie Esh of Leola; maternal great-grandparents, Samuel E. and Annie Stoltzfus of Gordonville R1; and Mrs. Sarah Stoltzfus of Bird-in-Hand R1; also step-great-grandfather, Dan U. Stoltzfus of Honey Brook.

Funeral services were held by Eli Stoltzfus and John Esh; two hymns read by Levi Kauffman and Ben Stoltzfus in the barn. Burial was in Myers Cemetery where two hymns were read by Aaron Glick and Jacob Esh; abschied by Levi King. Pallbearers for Samuel were two friends, Levi Fisher and John Fisher, and two cousins, Levi Kauffman and Christ Esh. Pallbearers for Benjamin were two uncles, Elam Kauffman and David Stoltzfus.

#### SMUCKER, Eli B., 78, of Gordonville R1, Pa.

died at 8:45 a.m. Sunday, June 18, at his home. He was under the care of a physician. The husband of Lydia G. (Stoltzfus) Smucker, he was born in Earl Twp., a son of the late Eli and Mary (Blank) Smucker. He was ordained deacon in 1937. Besides his wife, he is survived by 16 children: Jacob S. and John M. of Gap R1; Reuben G., Abner S., David S., and Amos all of New Holland R2; Leroy S. of New Holland R1; And Eli S. of Gordonville R1. Also, Amanda, wife of David F. King, Mrs. Leah Esh, Lydia, wife of Stephen S. Esh, Naomi, wife of Samuel S. Esh, and Sadie, wife of Mose Lapp, all of Gordonville R1; Mary, wife of Samuel A. Esh, Paradise R1; Susie, wife of Daniel S. Dienner, Gap R1; and Katie, wife of John D. Stoltzfus, New Holland R1. Also 95 grandchildren and 76 great-grandchildren. He was the last of his family.

His age was 78 yrs. and 3 months. Funeral services were held by Samuel S. King and Eli S. Stoltzfus; hymn read by Jonathan Z. Beiler. Burial was in Stoltzfus Cemetery where a hymn was read by Benj. S. Stoltzfus; abschied by Bishop Jonas S. Lapp.

**CORRECTION** — The parents of a stillborn child were given the wrong identification in the May issue (see page 87). Following is the correct information.

**STOLTZFUS, Infant son of Daniel S. and Rebecca S. (Glick) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R2, Pa., was born dead at Osteopathic Hospital, May 25. Grandparents are Amos L. and Ada (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, and Daniel S. and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Glick.**

#### STOLTZFUS, one-day-old son of Jacob S. and

Mary Ann (Dienner) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, Pa., died Wednesday morning, June 14, at home. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, Samuel and Lester, at home; paternal grandparents, Amos M. and Katie Stoltzfus, New Holland R1; maternal grandparents, Abram and Barbara Dienner, Gap R1, and maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Sarah Dienner, also of Gap R1.

Burial was in Millwood Cemetery, services conducted by Stephen E. Stoltzfus and Stephen Esh Jr.

#### STUTZMAN, Elizabeth, 2 mo., of Jamesport, Mo.

daughter of Atlee and Ida (Detweiler) Stutzman, was born April 9, 1972, died June 3, 1972. She was not well since birth from a heart condition. She leaves her parents, four brothers, two sisters, grandparents, Emery Stutzmans of Milroy, Ind., and Bishop Tobias Detweilers of this community.

#### STUTZMAN, Polly (Yoder), 69, of Dover, Delaware

Mrs. Jacob G. Stutzman, was born June 22, 1902, died May 18, 1972, age 69 yr., 10 mo., 25 days. She leaves her husband, 7 sons, and 2 daughters, Mahlon of Mo.; Mary, wife of Elmer Yoder; Aaron of Ohio; Jerry of Tenn.; Saloma, wife of Simon Yoder of Pa.; Joe of Pa.; Jacob Jr. of Canada; Hermon and Emery.

Funeral services were held at the home May 22, by Bishop Enos Yoder of Canada, and Bishop D. L. Nissley of Pa., Pre. Dave U. Gingerich of Mo., and Pre. Simon N. Swartzentruber of the home church.

#### MARRIAGES

##### Somerset County, Pennsylvania

Yoder, Kinsinger — Rufus Y., son of Yost and Emma (Yoder) Yoder, and Drusilla, daughter of Henry and Jemima (Zook) Kinsinger were married June 11.

##### Adams County, Indiana

Schwartz, Schwartz — Christ I., son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ P. Schwartz, Geneva R2, and Rosie U., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan M. J. Schwartz, June 1.

Eicher, Schwartz — Ben, son of Mrs. Joe E. Eicher, Berne R2, and Clara N., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah L. Schwartz, Monroe R1, June 22.

##### LaGrange County, Indiana

Bontrager, Miller — Eli Bontrager, and Ruth Ann, daughter of Raymond and Wilma C. Miller, June 1.

Weaver, Yoder — Freeman, son of Joni and Mary (Fry) Weaver, and Mary, daughter of Elmer and Katie (Otto) Yoder, June 1.

Helmuth, Miller — Owen, son of Bishop and Mrs. Walter Helmuth of Nappanee, and Irene, daughter of Mahlon and Wilma (Eash) Miller of Topeka, by the groom's father, June 8.

Troyer, Helmuth — Harry Jay, son of Howard and Erma (Yoder) Troyer, and Mary Ellen Helmuth of Nappanee, June 8.

Miller, Yoder — David, son of William and Mary (Schrock) Miller, and Esther Marie, daughter of Will and Katie (Frey) Yoder, June 15.

#### ORDINATION

##### Dover, Delaware

Andrew H. Mast, Wyoming R1, Dela., was ordained April 2, in South West District. He is a son of Henry and Elizabeth (Miller) Mast.

#### COMMUNITY NOTES

##### Franklin County, Pennsylvania

Jonathan H. Beiler's foot was broken when a log fell on it. Their address is: R1, Pleasant Hall, Pa.

Visiting ministers for the Franklin and Cumberland Cos. District in June were: June 4, Bishop David Blank, Benuel King, Elam Esch, John Stoltzfus, and Sam Kauffman; June 18, Jacob Stoltzfus, Elam Beiler, and Levi Beiler of Brush Valley, Emanuel Fisher, and Sam Kauffman.

## 1972 June

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### CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover, Delaware, by Neil Hershberger

Six months report: Winter temperature was on the mild side, rainfall heavy with very little snow. Spring very wet and cool, resulting in row crops being planted several weeks later than usual. Winter grains came through in good condition. Pasture was late due to cool weather but holds out good. Had very little warm weather, such as corn needs, this summer. First half of June was good hay weather, during which time a lot of good hay was put up. Last half of June was very wet, rainfall totaling from 8 to 10 inches. The June 22 storm brought us very high winds, with 4 inches rain, doing light crop damage. The June 11 cold snap temperature was from 38 to 42 degrees, no frost reported here. Second crop alfalfa is ready to cut, first barley was cut week of June 5th, too wet to thrash since.

Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Rainfall for the Bareville area in June was a total of 14.2 inches. Sun. 4th, 3.3 in.; Tue. 13th, 1 in.; Fri. 16th, .4 in.; Mon 19th, .5 in.; Wed. 21st, 1 in.; Thur. 22nd, 6.5 in.; Fri. 23rd, .2 in. (from Hurricane Agnes); Sat. 24th, .5 in.; Thur. 29th, .8 in. Total for the month was 14.2 inches, and May 31st we had 5 inches. We had 19.2 inches within 4 weeks time.

Farm prices are holding same as last month except eggs, which are 35¢ a doz.

by Elam S. Beiler

Corn is growing fast, except low spots and along gutters, where it is too wet and springy, it is turning yellow. Early corn will soon be too big to cultivate. Early sweet corn is in tassels. Still some corn being planted where grass fields were plowed. Still some first cutting mixed grass to be mowed. A good bit was mowed this past week but not put in because of weather. Is making a lot of bales (reports of 150 to the acre) but is quite difficult to mow as it was very flat. Very unusual so much hay being made so late in the season, it was hard to get without rain. Second cutting alfalfa will soon be ready to mow. Still 25% of tobacco to be planted as ground was too wet to plant last 2 weeks. A lot of oversize plants pulled and thrown away this year because of wet weather, though quite a bit was planted when ground was on damp side. Very little cultivating done yet. Horses had an easy month in June. Barley fields are flat and heads broken off. Wheat is standing fairly well for the weather it went through, none cut yet, will be a little later this year. Sweet cherries a poor crop as a lot split open before they were ripe.

Adams County, Pa., by Mrs. Moses S. Stoltzfus

June has been a cool and wet month. Had a light frost June 11th. Much late and wet plowing had been done due to the wet spring weather. Most corn was planted late. A lot of farmers have given up getting all of their corn planted. Those that sprayed when they planted have clean corn fields, while others have weeds and grass coming right with the corn. Timothy hay looks like a good crop, only farmers can't get into the fields to bale it. It's either keep out or get stuck. Some people still haven't all of their first cutting alfalfa hay made yet. Wheat is almost ready to cut, it will make a lot of straw. Oats fields look promising, it's in heads. It has spots where it is flat on the ground.

Hurricane Agnes visited this community the week of June 18th and soaked us with 10.3 inches of rain. Many basements were flooded and roads impassable because of high water. People that lived in the low places along rivers and creeks had to get out. Much damage was done to roads, property, and crops. Folks were glad to see the sun shine a little Friday eve. After a few days of pleasant weather, farmers again had several days they could do some field work. On June 29th we again had a rainy day, rained  $\frac{1}{2}$  in. Raspberries and sweet cherries are ripe.

Juniata County, Pa., by David Y. Renno

The weather in Juniata Co. during June was wet, total rainfall, 18 inches. Farmers and fruit growers are hard hit. Hay and grain grew very tall then went down flat and is rotting in the fields. Sweet cherries are nearly a total loss due to rotting before they are ripe. The peaches may still be good. Wheat is very poorly filled. A little hay was made in fair shape before the 15th. The last two weeks no field work was done.

June 22, 1972 will go down in history as the worst flood in Pennsylvania History, when the river crested 40 feet above flood stage, after we had 13 inches rainfall in a little over two days. All the towns along the Juniata and Susquehanna Rivers were flooded. The water rose to the ceilings of many people's kitchens. The stores, feed mills, and lumber yards were hard hit, as they couldn't move their contents upstairs before they left. None of our river bridges were washed out, but some remain closed for repairs. Many country roads and bridges were washed out. Many small homes and house trailers went down the river, also some cattle and horses. The Amish were helping clean up homes and stores for two weeks after the flood.

The last major flood in Pennsylvania History before this was on March 18th, 1936, when the river crested 36 feet above flood stage, and the last one before that was on May 30, 1889, the time the big dam broke above Johnstown. Those floods took all the wooden river bridges out. They were then replaced with much higher and longer spanned bridges, which stood it this time, but the Mifflin bridge had four feet of water over its deck.

**Spring Run, Pa., by Daniel Z. Beiler**

June was an unusually wet and cool month. About 16 in. rain fell this month, the highest in 24 hrs. being 5½ in. Weather mostly cool, a few very warm days. Some hay is being made and barley is ready to cut. Most of it is down to some extent. Wheat is turning. Corn looks a little yellow due to wet weather. Flood damage to this valley is small compared to some other places.

**Franklin County, Pa., by Jacob E. Flaud**

Rainfall for June was way above average. The week of the 17th Hurricane Agnes hit the eastern part of the country and caused wide spread damage. A lot of areas were declared a Disaster from floods. Cities and towns along the Susquehanna River were hit hard. Still quite a bit of hay to make. Some barley is cut and wheat is about ready.

**Snyder County, Pa., by Sam R. Troyer**

This is the month that we had the biggest flood on record for this area (modern records, that is). Buildings, trailer houses, trucks, cars, etc, washed down the Susquehanna, some people were drowned. Measured 13 inches for that rain, 4 inches for the rest of the month, which makes 17 inches. Hardly any hay made yet, lots of hay and grain went down. Hardly any cherries this year, but things are growing nicely. Thinking over this flood, is the Creator trying to remind us of something?

**Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus**

June of 1972 will be a month to be remembered in this part of the country. It started out rainy, but then the 7th, 8th, and part of the 9th were real hay days, and quite a bit of good hay was put in then. Also a lot more mowed, but then it started raining again, and was almost impossible to dry hay the rest of the month. Tons and tons of hay spoiled in the fields. Some old timers say they don't remember ever seeing so much spoiled hay in one season. On June 21 it started raining and rained for the rest of the week. It caused flooding at a lot of places. A lot of people were driven from their homes. A lot of water in the fields and some places quite a few acres under water. Corn is growing rather slowly, and is behind normal due to lack of sunshine. Wheat is still quite green, and oats was just starting to head at the end of the month. Between 13 and 14 inches of rain for the month.

**Somerset County, Pa., by Mary A. Kinsinger**

Weather was cloudy and cool with lots of rain. The nice sunny days seemed quite humid or mostly so, and not many sunny days the last 3 weeks. The total rainfall for June was about 9 inches. The week of the 23rd, we had about 6 inches. Not much flood damage through here like in some places. Not much hay was made in June, so there is still a lot to be made. Garden things don't seem to make much headway in growing. A light frost was had on June 11 and some of the lower places had frozen tomato plants, etc.

**Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine Swarey**

June was a cool, cloudy, wet month. Only about 6 days that were sunny all day, without showers. Some hay has been put away, but has been a little hard to dry it. The third week in June was an unusually wet week, raining from Tuesday to Saturday, a total of 8 to 12 inches, varying in different areas, with floods and high water in some places. Nothing real serious here in Big Valley area, except 3 bridges were washed out. Three families near Belleville left their homes, one had 14 inches water in bottom story. Milk could not be sent on account of roads closed. No mail for several days. The Lewistown area was much worse.

**Crawford Co., Pa. (Conneautville area)**

by Menno E. Fisher

We didn't measure the total rainfall for June, but we had quite a bit. We had 6 inches in one week the latter part of the month. Unusually damp and cloudy, not much hay made. We had frost June 11 with some damage to gardens. It's very rare that there is frost later than Memorial Day. Strawberries are a fair crop. Corn and oats are growing well. No cultivating being done latter part of month, due to wet weather.

**St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus**

The first part of June was warm, humid, and wet. Sun., June 14th was 44 degrees in the morning, a nice change. Some hay was put up that week without rain. Wed. and Thurs. eve., a light shower, and Fri. eve. the 16th and night we had 4 or 5 different thunderstorms. From then till Thurs. noon, the 22nd we had at least 10 inches rain with around 7 inches falling Wed. night. Hurricane Agnes left a mark here, too, resulting in flooded creeks, and some washed out fields and dirt roads. But we had only local water and no runoff from higher ground in this immediate area, as this is of the highest in the county. One man, down the county further, lost 200 baby pigs, just farrowed, in the woods, another lost 100. Shocked barley looks almost hopeless. Timothy and clover are up in the oats, and fields are too wet to get into. Corn looks good since it straightened up from the storm, but gardens are suffering from excess water. Some potatoes are rotting in the ground. But! let us consider what we still have, and thank God for it, and not complain. After all, don't we have plenty to eat and wear, and a place to sleep? which a lot of people don't have anymore of their own. June 29th and 30th we had a thunderstorm each evening, resulting in another 2 inches. Total rainfall for June was at least 15 inches. This morning, July 1st, the sun is out nice and bright, promising better days.

**Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hiltz**

June, 1972 was colder and drier than normal. There were nine days during the month when the temperature dipped to the point where "fire in the furnace" was necessary. The monthly statistics are as follows: High, 91 on the 19th; low, 39 on the 11th; rainfall, 2.33 inches; 12 clear days, 15 partly cloudy, 3 cloudy, 8 rainy days, and 4 thunderstorms.

## CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS, Continued

Pleasant Lake - Stuben County, Indiana  
by Mrs. Noah N. Eicher

Weather is on the wet side for June. Still a lot of hay cut, to be washed, lays real heavy, and is a real problem to get it in. From the 19th to 25th was real cold, temperature in low 40s. Farmers were loading hay with coats on, was a high wind. On the 11th had a killing frost. Corn fields were black in low places. Michigan blueberry crop reported 90% loss. Amos Bontragers reported 1/3 loss of their crop. Peaches are also frozen. Oats are heading and wheat is turning

Strawberries a fair crop. There were 15 sunny days and drizzle, 12 clear days and 5 rainy

Benton County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

June was more on the cool side, with ample rain. Haying is mostly over, with rather a lean crop. Usually a field is heavy where the clover isn't killed. Corn is being laid by, and is growing well.

Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

There was much rain in May which delayed corning. There are several that are still not done to date, June 16. We had rain most of this week so hay making is also at a stand still. Hay is heavy from all the moisture we had. Pastures exceptionally good.

Had lots of rainfall in May and first part of so hay was a heavy crop, but rather hard to get cut and cured. Pastures have been good so far. Corn has suffered from drouth up to this date, 17. Corn is uneven, as some wasn't planted till June on account of the wet season, while some are 7 feet tall now. Peas and strawberries are past. Peas were a good crop.

Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

Between 6 and 7 inches rain fell from May 1 to 30. First cutting hay was a good crop and much is put up without rain. Corn looks real good. Oats cutting has started. Strawberries and raspberries were a fair crop, but was plenty dry for top yields. Lawns are turning brown. Water trucks have been busy the last while, as some homes don't have living wells, then when it gets dry they need to buy water, which is hauled out from town in 1000 gal. tanks.

Aylmer, Ontario, by Leroy Eicher

We had a frost on the morning of June 11. It was dry till the 21st of June, since then we've had 4 in. of rain. Most of the days were warm but cool nights.

### CANADA MAN INJURED BY FALLING WALL

Aylmer District - Simon Wagler was injured on June 12, when a wall fell back, while erecting it. A vertebra was broken in his back. He was in the hospital eight days. He wears a brace while he is up.

### PA. STATE SCHOOL MEETING

The 15th Annual State School Directors' Meeting was held on Friday, June 2, at the home of Christian G. Esh of R1, Gordenville, Pa. Assembled were about 450 directors, teachers, and other interested persons, representing almost all areas of Penna. and also some from Maryland, Delaware, and Indiana. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Andy Kinsinger, at 12:30. Opening by Bishop John M. Beiler, and a silent prayer, were followed by a talk by the chairman concerning a few very important matters, of great interest to all present.

The first item on discussion and also put to a vote was the attempt by the state to get our people to accept financial aid from the state toward the cost of running our own Parochial Schools. This was rejected unanimously by all present.

Next was a thorough discussion of the U. S. Supreme Court decision on the Wisconsin School case. Some people were under the impression, that, according to press releases from Washington and Harrisburg, that the Vocational School program could perhaps be dropped entirely now. The text of the court decision was read in part by the chairman and further explained by vocational chairman, Elam H. Beiler, and, with a review of the decision as a whole, the State Directors' Meeting went on record as in favor of continuing all vocational classes under the same set up that has been in use for the past ten years.

After a question and answer period from the floor the meeting was closed with prayer, led by Bishop Bennie Yoder of Somerset County, Pa. The next meeting is scheduled to be held the first Friday in June, 1973, in Mifflin County, Pa. by Levi A. Esh

### COMMUNITY NOTES

Johnson County, Iowa

The report came that Henry E. Bender, 61, broke both legs while cutting down trees, and was trapped fast for four hours before he was found, and nearly dark, several miles from home. We understand his legs are broken above the ankles. He is in Mercy Hospital in Iowa City. Home address is Kalona R1.

Several car loads from this area were to Bowling Green, Missouri, at different times to visit the Harvey D. Yoders. The Mrs. is sick in bed, both are 80 yrs. old and have close relatives here. Also visited Mrs. Bishop Jacob J. Miller, 66, (a cousin) she is a cancer victim, and quite low at this writing.

Ashley, Indiana, by Mrs. Noah Eicher

When we moved into this area on March 2, 1972, only four families were living here. Now to this date, July 2, 1972, there are 13 families. Last school term there were 4 children, school held in a room at Amos Bontragers. This fall there are 18 children to enroll, intend to build a new school house, and have Sarah Mae Eicher as teacher.

Daniel Schwartzs moved from Spencerville, Ind. to R1. Hudson, Ind. on June 15, 1972.

Eli Bontragers moved from Branch Co., Mich. to R1, Ashley, Ind. on July 6, 1972, moving in with his parents, Amos Bontragers.

### Reports of Hurricane Agnes, by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Lancaster County and Southeastern Pennsylvania had 8 inches of rain over a 3 day period with  $6\frac{1}{2}$  in. on Thursday, June 22. Lancaster County had the most flood damage and the highest death toll, which took the lives of 10 people. Lebanon County had more storm damage. Hurricane Agnes hit Cuba and Florida then headed for Virginia and Eastern Penna. and New York. Lancaster Co. lost 17 bridges. Six of them were covered bridges out of the 35 remaining historical bridges.

The Pinetown Bridge went down the Conestoga Creek and landed in a field. The Hunsucker Bridge fell into the stream and crashed into the Eden Bridge. The other four were, The Johnson's Mill Bridge, The Colemanville Bridge, The Stone Mill Road Bridge, and The Kurtz's Mill Bridge. Flood devastation in the millions, 1000 fled from homes in Marietta, 5000 homeless in Harrisburg. The water from the swollen Susquehanna came into the Governor's \$2.4 million mansion which is only  $3\frac{1}{2}$  years old. The crisis came Saturday when the rampaging Susquehanna River crested at a record 36 feet in Marietta. That was 12 feet above flood stage and nearly 4 feet higher than its previous record, set during the 1936 flood. Wilkes Barre was one of the most devastated areas in the state.

Governor Shapp is asking for \$50 million for re-building Pennsylvania towns. Car loads of feed were damaged, railroads washed out, roads were blocked, one car lot of 100 cars was damaged. Reports are it was the highest flow at Harrisburg since 1786. Friday, June 23 it was 55 billion gallons a day. In 1890 it was recorded 48 billion gallons a day. At DuBois, Clearfield County, Earthen Dam collapsed which held a 6 acre pond. The weather service reported over 12 inches of rain in some areas and is claimed to be the worst flood disaster since 1936.

We can read a book of the Johnstown flood in 1898, The Mighty Whirlwind of Indiana in April 1965, The Torn Land of Nelson Co., Virginia of Hurricane Camille of Aug. 1969. I think it would be nice if somebody was the author of a book of Hurricane Agnes.

### HURRICANE AGNES, Continued from Front Page

showers throughout the day. On Thursday the 22nd the rain came almost continuously in heavy showers totalling anywhere from 7 to 12 inches in some locations. Seven to eight inches of rain fell that day on the Susquehanna River watershed area across eastern Pennsylvania. Thursday afternoon all local creeks flooded. Small creeks crested in the afternoon and were within their banks again by evening when the rain let up a bit. Larger creeks, such as the Pequea, were a sight, quite unusual for this open farm land. This creek ran in a furious current from  $\frac{1}{4}$  to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile wide at places. The Fox Corner Trailer Court at Paradise was in shambles, and water at the big house was up to the middle of the door. Water was almost to the top of the bridge.

About 3:30 p.m. Sam Kauffman, his wife, and 10 month old son Benjamin, on their way home from Bart-

ville, attempted to cross the Pequea on Belmont Road, at the covered bridge. They were swept downstream by the swift currents crossing the road. Sarah, his wife, was rescued about 500 feet downstream after holding on to a tree for the best part of an hour. Sam and Benjamin, the horse and wagon were nowhere to be found, although local firemen checked for traces of them on downstream until late in the evening.

Early Friday morning with a cool 38 degrees and still showering with heavily overcast skies, local folks gathered at Paradise to form a search party. The horse and wagon were found, caught in a tree, in six feet of water, just north of the bridge on West Pequea Lane, in the Smoker meadow, approximately one mile downstream, with just the top showing. The creek was now within its banks but running full and swiftly. The horse was still hitched with very little damage to the carriage except a smashed bonnet and broken shafts. Even the battery was still almost in place. The horse and carriage were pulled out and efforts were turned to the search for traces of the two lost persons. About an hour later the baby's body was found lying along a fence about 70 feet from the creek, just south across the road from where the horse and wagon had been found. A party of 100 men, split into two parties to cover each side, searched all day, as far west as Sylvan Stoltzfuses, but by evening had still not found Sam. Predictions were very gloomy that evening, as the weather forecast was for two more inches of rain for Friday night.

Early Saturday morning there was to be a meeting at Paradise Fire Hall. The rain had not come after all except for a few sprinkles, but the sky was still overcast. About 250 people were there when it started and were split into four groups, two to start at Belmont Road, where it happened, and two at Revere Tavern to head west, beyond points of the day before. The search was begun in earnest and many more men joined as it progressed. About 9:30 word came over the two-way monitors that the body was found. A small group who had come late were on their way in to join the main party, and in going through Davy Stoltzfus' meadow, while watching the stream closely, happened to see just a patch of black coat on top of the water. Upon looking closer they noticed that it looked like black hair just ahead of the black patch, caught in the fork of a tree, which had fallen across the creek. Nothing was touched until Dr. Krusen came, and search parties were all told to hold position until identification was made, then all searchers were told to go to Paradise Fire Hall for sandwiches and coffee.

Other creeks were all far over previous flood level records. The Cocalico, in the northern end of the county, was 5 feet over any recorded history.

Among the Amish along the Conestoga - Elmer Stoltzfuses at Talmage had water to within inches of the ceiling in their first floor. In drying out the floors and doors warped badly, and the house is scheduled for demolition. At the Elam Glick farm, across from the D. M. Stoltzfus quarry, the barn had dated high-water marks painted on the side with a record high

dated 1886. The creek crested at a high of 41 inches beyond the previous record. Cows were milked at 2 a.m., as the water started entering the stables. The water rose fast and milkers sucking water were just dumped and moved to the next cow. Cows were chased to the side doors to higher ground, and water at one time had come to within three inches of bottom of joists, and swamped the milk house.

Lancaster County was hard hit and lost ten lives to drownings or electrocutions caused by the flood. Property damage was much worse along the river and on up through Pennsylvania.

Marietta, Middletown, Harrisburg, Williamsport, Sunbury, and Wilkes-Barre were hit by flooding that left a sight almost beyond imagination. Miles of homes along Route 230 showed severe flood damage, and not just one street, but 5 and 6 blocks deep. Garages and small out buildings were completely gone at places. Mud was coated over everything, with oil streaks at the top lines. At places four blocks from the river, water marks were still seven and eight feet high. Some basement walls were caved in, floors bulged, doors and windows were impossible to open or close, plaster was cracked loose, linoleum and carpets ruined, furnishings warped and cracked beyond repair, and washers, dryers, and refrigerators were water logged. Many people threw up their hands in despair and moved away, leaving everything behind.

Many bus loads of Amish and Mennonite people, working through the Red Cross and Mennonite Disaster Service, were organized daily for the task of helping to clean up. This seems like an almost endless task and then to follow will be the rebuilding. This may

take months and years, for many people lost all their personal possessions.

In a small town northeast of Harrisburg, along a normally calm creek, parts of a huge pile of slag from a strip mine was washed right through town, leaving basements and first floors with heavy, dirty slag, up to two feet deep. It did not matter that this was some lady's kitchen floor.

Wilkes Barre was hit with very deep water, or perhaps many homes were on a bit lower level. One resident with parents living in New Holland called them at noon one day and reported that he had moved furniture upstairs as water was starting to enter the first floor. In the evening a call reported that the goods were now moved to the attic and that he had left home by boat. The next call, the following morning, reported that he had gone to visit his home by boat and found only the chimney above water.

It is hard to describe one's feelings when you help to clean up, the utter destruction left in its wake. Houses are cleaned out, with all refuse put at curb side. Caterpillars and payloaders load onto dump trucks and haul to land fills. Where they ever find fills large enough to hold this tonnage, is beyond the imagination of this writer.

Try to imagine large warehouses of packaged food, with racks, shelves and pallets of food, floated into a mass. The only way out was to hire heavy equipment, and load it for burial, under State Health regulations, as this food, improperly disposed of, would harbor rats for years.

compiled by Levi A. Esh

#### OUR SENIOR MEMBERS BORN IN OR BEFORE 1892

##### Dover, Delaware

- Aug. 23, 1880 – Daniel S. Mast, Dover, R2, Dela.
- May 23, 1884 – Manasses Slaubaugh, Wyoming R1
- Aug. 24, 1884 – Dea. John M. Beachy, Dover R2
- Oct. 14, 1885 – Annie, widow of Stephen King  
Wyoming R1
- Feb. 21, 1886 – Eva Miller, Dover R2
- Nov. 6, 1889 – Eli S. Miller, Dover R2
- July 28, 1890 – Amanda Mast, Hartley R1
- March 12, 1891 – Eliza Miller, Dover R2
- April 28, 1891 – John J. Yoder, Dover R2

##### Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

- Dec. 7, 1884 – Joseph Hostetler
- April 3, 1887 – Miss Katie M. Peachey
- April 8, 1887 – Samuel Sharp
- May 2, 1888 – Mary, widow of Josiah H. Peachey
- Oct. 4, 1890 – Daniel Y. Peachey
- Oct. 24, 1890 – Lizzie, widow of Bish. Noah D. Yoder  
Katie M. Peachey and Widow Lizzie Yoder are sisters.

##### Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

- March 24, 1881 – Samuel F. Zook
- Oct. 17, 1889 – Menno D. Swarey

##### St. Mary's County, Maryland

- Aug. 15, 1884 – Sarah, widow of Daniel Zook  
Mechanicsville R2, Md.
- Dec. 25, 1887 – Samuel Hertzler Sr.

Sam had a stroke June 19th and is helpless, paralysed on the right side, being cared for by the children.

##### Stuarts Draft, Virginia

- May 12, 1879 – John B. Yoder, Stuarts Draft, Va.
- Dec. 10, 1881 – Sarah Yoder, Stuarts Draft, Va.
- March 17, 1885 – Lydianne Stutzman, Stuarts Draft, Va.
- March 17, 1885 – Peter J. Kinsinger, Staunton, Va.
- April 14, 1887 – Mrs. Gid Byler, Staunton, Va.
- May 26, 1887 – Ed Mast, Stuarts Draft, Va.
- July 1, 1889 – Jake Stutzman
- Aug. 16, 1889 – Noah Mast, Stuarts Draft, Va.

##### Somerset County, Pennsylvania

- Nov. 21, 1881 – Benjamin Summy, Star Rt., Springs  
c/o Ray S. Kinsinger
- March 19, 1887 – Mrs. Sam U. Yoder, Salisbury R1, Pa.
- Aug. 10, 1887 – Urias A. Kinsinger, Salisbury R1, Pa.
- Feb. 16, 1890 – Mrs. Mary Yoder, Grantsville, Md.
- March 31, 1890 – Sam U. Yoder, Salisbury R1, Pa.
- Dec. 19, 1890 – Mrs. Effie Yoder, Salisbury R1, Pa.
- Aug. 31, 1891 – Mrs. Amos J. Yoder, Springs, Pa.

### Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

#### Men

Sept. 19, 1880 – Moses B. King, Honey Brook R1  
 March 16, 1882 – Daniel S. King, Narvon R2, Pa.  
 Feb. 17, 1883 – Stephen M. Stoltzfus, Gap R1, Pa.  
 Jan. 7, 1885 – Moses Lapp, Gap R1, Pa.  
 July 5, 1885 – John M. Fisher, Ronks R1, Pa.  
 Sept. 3, 1885 – Henry U. Stoltzfus, Gap R1, Pa.  
 May 3, 1886 – Amos R. Glick, Geist Rd., Lancaster  
 June 30, 1886 – David B. Zook, Bird-in-Hand R1,  
 Nov. 7, 1886 – Jacob K. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1  
 Dec. 14, 1886 – Henry B. Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, Pa.  
 Aug. 1, 1887 – Amos U. Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, Pa.  
 Oct. 17, 1887 – John F. Smoker, East Earl R1, Pa.  
 Oct. 28, 1887 – Isaac B. Zook, Christiana R1, Pa.  
 Sept. 21, 1888 – Amos L. Beiler, Narvon R2, Pa.  
 Nov. 17, 1888 – Jacob B. Lapp, Gordonville R1  
 Dec. 10, 1888 – Aaron Esh, Leola R1, Pa.  
 Jan. 21, 1889 – Christian M. Lapp, New Holland R2  
 Nov. 20, 1889 – Noah D. Zook, Old Phila. Pike, Lanc.  
 Jan. 7, 1890 – Stephen K. Fisher, Honey Brook R1  
 Jan. 19, 1890 – John F. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1  
 Jan. 28, 1890 – David B. Fisher, Christiana R1  
 Feb. 21, 1890 – Daniel U. Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1  
 March 11, 1890 – Ezra D. Beiler, Ronks R1  
 March 30, 1890 – Christian S. Beiler, Gordonville R1  
 Aug. 18, 1890 – Samuel E. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1  
 Sept. 25, 1890 – Henry Z. Fisher, Paradise R1  
 Oct. 6, 1890 – Daniel B. Esh, Gordonville R1  
 Nov. 11, 1890 – Jeptah Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3  
 Dec. 14, 1890 – Daniel L. Esh, Ronks R1, Pa.  
 June 26, 1891 – Eli S. King, Ronks R1, Pa.  
 June 27, 1891 – Moses S. King, Ronks R1, Pa.  
 Sept. 7, 1891 – Emanuel S. Stoltzfus, Churchtown  
 Oct. 3, 1891 – Isaac S. King, Newport Rd., Leola  
 Nov. 25, 1891 – Josiah L. Beiler, Kinzers R1, Pa.  
 July 13, 1892 – John R. Beiler, Kinzers R1, Pa.  
 Aug. 27, 1892 – Jonathan Zook, Gridley Rd., Lanc.  
 Nov. 24, 1892 – Benj. S. Esh, Newport Rd., Leola  
 Women  
 Sept. 25, 1872 – Salina, widow of Enos Stoltzfus  
 Lancaster R4, Pa.  
 July 23, 1877 – Barbara Zook, Lancaster R4, Pa.  
 March 7, 1878 – Barbara, wife of Daniel K. Smoker  
 Ronks R1, Pa.  
 Aug. 24, 1880 – Sarah, widow of Levi Z. Stoltzfus  
 Ronks R1, Pa.  
 July 7, 1882 – Ida, wife of Moses B. King  
 Honey Brook R2, Pa.  
 Nov. 24, 1882 – Katie, widow of Christian Blank  
 Kinzers R1, Pa.  
 April 14, 1883 – Rebecca, widow of John D. Stoltzfus  
 Talmage, Pa.  
 Feb. 16, 1884 – Fannie, widow of David M. King  
 Kinzers R1, Pa.  
 July 14, 1884 – Arie, widow of Benjamin E. Stoltzfus  
 Kirkwood R1, Pa.  
 Dec. 25, 1884 – Sarah, widow of Daniel E. Stoltzfus  
 Bird-in-Hand, Pa.  
 May 30, 1885 – Emma, widow of Jonas E. Stoltzfus  
 Narvon R1, Pa.  
 April 2, 1886 – Fannie, widow of Bennie L. Fisher  
 Honey Brook R1, Pa.

July 3, 1886 – Fannie, wife of Amos U. Stoltzfus  
 Ronks R1, Pa.  
 Feb. 13, 1887 – Katie, widow of Amos B. Zook  
 Leola R1  
 Aug. 11, 1887 – Lydia, widow of Daniel Beiler  
 Quarryville R3, Pa.  
 Sept. 21, 1887 – Mary, widow of Benjamin B. Fisher  
 Soudersburg, Pa.  
 Oct. 24, 1887 – Sallie, widow of Joseph E. Stoltzfus  
 Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.  
 May 12, 1888 – Rachel, wife of Moses Lapp  
 Gap R1, Pa.  
 Dec. 25, 1888 – Mary, widow of Daniel Stoltzfus  
 Leola R1, Pa.  
 Jan. 4, 1889 – Fannie, wife of Amos R. Glick  
 188 Geist Rd., Lancaster, Pa.  
 Sept. 17, 1889 – Esther King, Kinzers R1, Pa.  
 Dec. 17, 1889 – Annie King, Gordonville R1, Pa.  
 Jan. 29, 1890 – Emma, wife of John F. Smoker  
 East Earl R1, Pa.  
 Aug. 6, 1890 – Rebecca, widow of Samuel Smucker  
 Gordonville R1, Pa.  
 Aug. 24, 1890 – Rebecca, widow of Amos Petersheim  
 Strasburg R1, Pa.  
 Aug. 28, 1890 – Annie, wife of Amos L. Beiler  
 Narvon R2, Pa.  
 Dec. 17, 1890 – Lizzie, widow of Jacob F. Lapp  
 Gap R1, Pa.  
 Jan. 14, 1891 – Annie, widow of John B. Miller  
 Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.  
 Feb. 6, 1891 – Susie, wife of Eli S. King  
 Ronks R1, Pa.  
 Dec. 8, 1891 – Barbara, wife of John R. Beiler  
 Kinzers R1, Pa.  
 Jan. 17, 1892 – Rebecca, widow of Daniel M. Fisher  
 Lancaster R4, Pa.  
 April 19, 1892 – Emma, widow of Jesse Lapp  
 Gordonville R1, Pa.  
 Sept. 7, 1892 – Annie, wife of Sam E. Stoltzfus  
 Gordonville R1, Pa.  
 Dec. 23, 1892 – Katie, widow of Henry F. Stoltzfus  
 Geist Rd., Lancaster, Pa.

#### COUPLES AGE 80 AND OVER

##### Marriage date

Jan. 39, 1905 – Moses and Ida (Beiler) King  
 Honey Brook R2, Pa.  
 Nov. 25, 1909 – Amos R. and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Glick  
 188 Geist Rd., Lancaster, Pa.  
 Dec. 16, 1909 – John F. and Emma (Zook) Smoker  
 East Earl R1, Pa.  
 Nov. 24, 1910 – Amos L. and Annie (Stoltzfus) Beiler  
 Narvon R2, Pa.  
 Nov. 29, 1910 – Moses and Rachel (Blank) Lapp  
 Gap R1, Pa.  
 Dec. 14, 1911 – Amos U. and Fannie (Lapp) Stoltzfus  
 Ronks R1, Pa.  
 Dec. 3, 1959 – John R. and Barbara (Smoker) King,  
 Beiler, Kinzers R1, Pa.  
 March 26, 1963 – Samuel E. and Annie (Stoltzfus)  
 Petersheim, Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1  
 May 14, 1963 – Eli S. and Susie (Fisher) Beiler,  
 King, King, Ronks R1, Pa.

## SENIOR MEMBERS, Continued

**LaGrange and Elkhart Counties, Indiana**

April 21, 1875 – Mrs. Levi (Lydia) Knepp, Goshen R1  
 Dec. 17, 1875 – Samuel J. Christner, Shipshewana R2  
 Jan. 16, 1878 – Mrs. Sam Y. (Anna) Lehman, LaGrange  
 Oct. 3, 1879 – Mrs. Abner (Barbara) Miller  
     Millersburg, Ind.  
 Jan. 24, 1881 – Mrs. Jacob J. (Fannie) Lambright  
     Topeka R1, Ind.  
 March 8, 1881 – Menno J. Bontrager, Middlebury,  
 May 22, 1882 – Levi L. Mast, Topeka, R2, Ind.  
 Aug. 16, 1882 – Mrs. Joe N. (Delilah) Bontrager  
     Millersburg R1, Ind.  
 Sept. 23, 1883 – Mrs. Uriah (Rebecca) Miller  
     Shipshewana R1, Ind.  
 Jan. 29, 1883 – Mrs. Joseph (Fannie) Slabach  
     Middlebury R2, Ind.  
 Feb. 8, 1883 – John L. Bontrager, Shipshewana, Ind.  
 Oct. 15, 1883 – Joseph H. Yoder, Middlebury, Ind.  
 Oct. 18, 1883 – Mrs. Noah N. (Lizzie) Miller,  
     Goshen R1, Ind.  
 Dec. 12, 1883 – Mrs. Edward (Anna) Hochstetler, Howe  
 June 4, 1884 – Jacob R. Miller, Middlebury R1  
 Nov. 27, 1884 – Mrs. Jonathan (Fannie) Lehman  
     Topeka R1, Ind.  
 Jan. 31, 1885 – Mrs. Ben (Lizzie) Bontrager, Topeka  
 Feb. 19, 1885 – Dea. Moses F. Miller, Millersburg R1  
 May 22, 1886 – Andrew Eash, Shipshewana R2, Ind.  
 July 29, 1886 – Mrs. David V. (Maryann) Hochstetler  
     Topeka R1, Ind.  
 July 31, 1886 – John A. Miller, Howe R3, Ind.  
 Nov. 15, 1886 – Mrs. Joe (Lydia) Bontrager  
     Middlebury R1, Ind.  
 April 26, 1887 – Al J. Kauffman, Middlebury R1, Ind.  
 May 10, 1887 – Mrs. Al J. (Clara) Kauffman, Middleb.  
 Nov. 6, 1887 – Mrs. Levi (Mary) Mast, Topeka R2,  
 Nov. 21, 1887 – Mrs. John S. (Martha) Miller, Topeka  
 Dec. 16, 1887 – Osa Schlabach, Goshen R1, Ind.  
 July 14, 1888 – David J. Kauffman, Shipshewana  
 Nov. 4, 1888 – Mrs. David R. (Lydia) Bontrager  
     Millersburg R1, Ind.  
 Dec. 13, 1888 – Mrs. Henry L. (Susie) Miller, Topeka  
 March 2, 1889 – Servin J. Kauffman, Middlebury R2  
 April 8, 1889 – Mrs. Mose D. (Barbara) Glick, Goshen  
 Sept. 4, 1889 – Mrs. Andrew (Lydia) Miller  
     Middlebury R1  
 Sept. 5, 1889 – Samuel J. Barkman, LaGrange R4  
 Sept. 27, 1889 – Levi E. Miller, Shipshewana, Ind.  
 Nov. 1, 1889 – Dea. Ervin J. Miller, LaGrange R1  
 Nov. 30, 1889 – Dea. Menno E. Hershberger  
     Topeka R1, Ind.  
 Feb. 4, 1890 – Dea. Levi B. Hostetler  
     Shipshewana R1, Ind.  
 March 4, 1890 – Mrs. Menno J.S. (Susie) Yoder  
     Topeka R2, Ind.  
 Sept. 1, 1890 – Jacob S. Schlabach, Topeka R2  
 Nov. 18, 1890 – Bish. Dan B. Bontrager, LaGrange R4

**COUPLES MARRIED 50 YEARS OR MORE**

**Marriage date**

Nov. 8, 1916 – William D. and Susie (Yoder) Yoder  
     Topeka R1, Ind.  
 Feb. 15, 1917 – David J. and Susie (Mast) Mast  
     Middlebury R1, Ind.  
 March 8, 1917 – Elmer T. and Anna (Miller) Miller  
     Goshen R1, Ind.  
 Oct. 29, 1917 – Eli R. and Lovina (Burkholder) Miller  
     Goshen R1, Ind.  
 Dec. 13, 1917 – Menno S. and Elizabeth (Yoder)  
     Beachy, Millersburg R1, Ind.  
 Dec. 24, 1917 – Noah S. and Elizabeth (Glick) Frye  
     Wolcottville R1, Ind.  
 Jan. 10, 1918 – Tobias M. and Mattie (Troyer)  
     Hochstetler, Topeka R2, Ind.  
 Jan. 10, 1918 – Amos S. and Edna C. (Yoder) Miller  
     Topeka R2, Ind.  
 Jan. 24, 1918 – Jacob E. and Mary (Christner)  
     Hochstetler, Shipshewana R2, Ind.  
 Jan. 31, 1918 – Levi D. and Amelia (Lehman) Mast  
     Topeka R1, Ind.  
 Feb. 7, 1918 – Harry M. and Barbara (Miller) Troyer  
     Shipshewana R2, Ind.  
 Feb. 13, 1918 – William S. and Edna (Miller) Miller  
     Topeka R2, Ind.  
 Feb. 20, 1919 – Dan A. and Anna (Yoder) Beachy  
     Topeka R2, Ind.  
 Feb. 27, 1919 – Ezra L. and Susie (Lehman) Bontrager  
     Middlebury R1, Ind.  
 March 13, 1919 – Noah J. and Mattie (Yoder) Yoder  
     Shipshewana R1, Ind.

**Johnson County, Iowa**

Mrs. Mary Ann Miller  
 Pre. Benedict T. Yoder  
 Mrs. Benedict T. (Mary Ann) Yoder  
 Lydia Bender (single)  
 Mrs. John (Suvilla) Overholt  
 Mrs. Harry (Lizzie) Miller  
 Mrs. Mose (Dora) Weaver  
 Mrs. Adum (Anna) Miller  
 Pre. Chris B. Miller  
 Mrs. Enos (Annie) Yoder  
 Mrs. John (Mary) Yoder  
 Mrs. Jonas (Lena) Yoder  
 Dennis J. Miller  
 John D. Gingerich  
 Mrs. Menno I. (Susan) Miller

We have two widows in our district over 90 years old. The one, Mrs. Harry Miller, does not realize anything anymore. The other one, Mrs. (one arm) Joe Miller, has a good mind yet, but is hard for her to get around.

**Buchanan County, Iowa**

May 7, 1886 – Mrs. Noah (Lovina) Plank  
 Dec. 18, 1890 – Mrs. Amos A.J. (Fannie) Yoder

**Welda, Kansas**

Jan. 7, 1885 – Barbara, widow of Bish. John A. Yoder  
 Sept. 30, 1887 – Joni A. Yoder, Welda, Kansas

**Adams County, Indiana**

- 1881 - Rachel, widow of David W. Steckly  
Geneva R2, c/o Sam N. Schwartz  
Nov. 22, 1890 - Anna, widow of Peter C. Schwartz  
Berne R1, Ind.  
Sept. 2, 1890 - Margaret, widow of Jacob F. Schwartz  
Geneva R1, Ind.  
July 5, 1889 - Deacon Christian P. Neuenschwander  
Berne R1, Ind.  
Jan. 22, 1889 - Deacon Daniel J. Schwartz  
Geneva R2, Ind.

**MARRIED 50 YEARS AND MORE****Marriage date**

- Dec. 23, 1915 - Bishop Joseph L. and Elizabeth  
(Wickey) Schwartz, Berne R1, Ind.  
Nov. 20, 1921 - Alvin J. and Lydia U. (Hochstetler)  
Yoder, Berne R1, Ind.

**Arthur, Illinois**

- June 22, 1878 - Maryann Schlabach  
June 20, 1880 - Noah C. Yoder  
Aug. 28, 1880 - Mrs. Rebecca Schrock  
Aug. 29, 1880 - David A. Troyer  
June 14, 1881 - Mrs. Ben (Katie) Yoder  
Feb. 18, 1883 - Mrs. John (Lizzie) Miller  
Sept. 29, 1884 - Pre. Jacob E. Miller  
Sept. 3, 1885 - Dave Yoder  
Dec. 10, 1885 - Mrs. Joe (Tillie) Yoder  
Dec. 12, 1886 - Mrs. Dave (Mattie) Yoder  
Jan. 2, 1887 - Ammon B. Miller  
Feb. 28, 1887 - Mrs. Bish. S.N. (Fannie) Beachy  
July 6, 1888 - Menno J. Schrock  
July 18, 1888 - Eli M. Otto  
March 5, 1889 - Mrs. Amanda Schrock  
July 30, 1889 - Elmer Stutzman  
Sept. 17, 1889 - Mrs. Minnie Schrock

**THE OLD ORDER AMISH, A PECULIAR PEOPLE**

While my memory brings me back to the days of my youth, when about the year 1903 (I being some thirteen years old) on a Sunday morning I went with my parents and family to meeting at Samuel P. Smoker's residence about a mile west of Intercourse on the old Philadelphia road where Jones Fisher and Family now lives. As we had unhitched our team, we noticed a strange visitor standing with the other men. When all had made acquaintances together the Ministers started to the house, the old and young Brethren followed. The visitor followed in rank and as I came to the house with the boys the visitor was sitting on the bench with the men.

When every one was seated a Hymn was called and the ministers men and boys took off their hats in honor to our Heavenly Father. Hymns were sung from the Ausbund. As usual the Preachers had went to the broth, coming back were seated.

Jacob Lapp from Weavertown had the Ofenfang and while preaching the visitor spoke up and said, "Speak English please I can't understand that." Jacob looked over and smiled a little, and went on with his sermon. After a while we all kneeled in prayer all was silence, I suppose the visitor was listening for some one to lead in prayer, so he recited the Lord's Prayer in English aloud. Afterwards Scripture was read, then all were seated.

Our Bishop Chrystol King had the obsead and started preaching. In a few moments the visitor started laughing and laughed out loud heartily. Samuel Smoker made motions to the visitor and with a few words the visitor got his hat and went away.

Note: Are we to this day a Peculiar people, (das Folks Das argantums) Arsta St. Patra 2-9 or are we losing those precious jewels, one by one our Fathers had given us, in modest ways of living, in dress, in the old order, or are we drifting to all walks of life, Isaiah 1-5.

Written by ein geringer Bruder

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**LITTLE DEEDS OF KINDNESS.**

1. Suppose the little cowslip  
Should hang its golden cup,  
And say, "I'm such a tiny flower,  
I'd better not grow up;"  
How many a weary traveler  
Would miss its fragrant smell;  
How many a little child would mourn  
Its absence from the dell!
2. Suppose the glistening dewdrop  
Upon the grass should say,  
"What can a little dewdrop do?  
I'd better roll away;"  
The blade on which it rested,  
Before the day was done,  
Without a drop to moisten it,  
Would wither in the sun.
3. Suppose the little breezes  
Upon a summer's day,  
Should think themselves too small to cool  
The traveler on his way;  
Who would not miss the smallest  
And softest ones that blow,  
And think they make a great mistake  
If they were talking so?

4. How many deeds of kindness  
A little child may do,  
Although it has so little strength,  
And little wisdom too!  
It wants a loving spirit,  
Much more than strength to prove  
How many things a child may do  
For others, by its love.

# Anfere Geistliche Bücher

## WHO EDITED AND PUBLISHED<sup>1</sup> THE FIRST AUSBUND

The AUSBUND is indeed the most marvelous book of the Swiss Anabaptists. Its continued use for over four centuries attests to this fact. The Amish and Mennonites kept it alive by using it and repeatedly calling it into print. Since our martyred ancestors wrote the songs and used them it is natural to assume that they were first compiled and published by them. But were they?

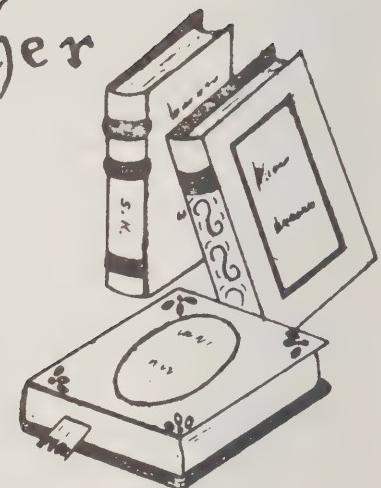
The writer of this article believes that it was not called into print by the Anabaptists, nor was it printed primarily for them, but rather it was compiled by friends of the Anabaptists and directed to their brethren in the state churches.

There are still many missing links in the record of the exact formation of the AUSBUND. The basic purpose of this article is an attempt to explain the change in position that the Swiss Brethren had taken against singing in the worship services, and to the actual publication and use of a book of songs in the centuries to follow. The writing of such hymns and martyr stories must have been quite spontaneous. However, to have these hymns introduced in the worship service of a non-singing brotherhood was not easy, and, in my opinion, took the help of the "Half Anabaptists," and many decades to achieve this goal.

The reader may analyse the following three conclusions, or rather causes of doubt, that have plagued me for many years. First, how could these poor, rural Swiss Anabaptists, who published no other book before 1702, produce such a work under the bitterest conditions?<sup>2</sup>

Second, how would the Anabaptists warrant such a hymnbook when singing to God fell into disfavor by their leaders? Grebel, for example, spent much of his energies proving that singing was not for a worship service. Felix Mantz endorsed Grebel's views, (see p. 19, Programmatic Letters), but still we use his victorious hymn (Lied 6) in the AUSBUND. Mantz apparently wrote hymns for edification of the brethren, but by no means to bring supplication. There is an obvious carryover of this disfavor, by the fact that all Old Order Amish and Old Order Mennonites do not have their services interrupted with intermittent singing, but rather have their singing "before" and "after" the service.<sup>3</sup>

Third, the Swiss Brethren represent a "believers only" church policy, by accepting only the converted and expelling backsliders, so how could they use hymns of Sebastian Frank, Catholics, and other sources in one volume? Also, how could they use secular tunes?



The reader may gain much insight by making a study of the two prefaces of the AUSBUND. The preface of our present AUSBUND lends much support to the theory that it was compiled by "friends" of the Anabaptists, and directed to the church at large (state churches). It is written in ancient German, with its true meaning hidden from most of us, and for this reason the writer deems it necessary to make an English translation for the modern readers.

To fully understand the Vorrede, or preface, let us review the known facts of the AUSBUND's formation. First, we must be aware that there were two major beginnings to the AUSBUND before it gained its present form. The second part (beginning p. 435 in the 1967 edition) is the oldest published portion, but contains some of the newer songs, or, as Rudolf Walkan calls them, "Die späteren Lieder der Schweizer Brüder." The oldest known copy<sup>4</sup> of the work is now at Goshen College, having been printed in 1564. Its preface proves that it has preceded the larger book (present form) because it states that many of these hymns were never published before. However, the 1564 book may well have been a facsimile of an earlier copy. The hymns of this part were composed while in prison by Philippites, an independent group of Anabaptists (see Mennonite Encyclopedia, vol IV, p. 167), a remnant of which joined the Swiss Brethren in South Germany. It is possible that this remnant published the hymns, and wrote the preface as well. This first preface had been completely abandoned when this book was incorporated into the much larger present day AUSBUND.<sup>5</sup>

This larger AUSBUND is the one we use today. The writer of this article believes that the first "complete" AUSBUND may have been published in the 1560's. We have the AUSBUND mentioned in the Frankenthaler Gespräche of 1571 and this reference could hardly have been referring to the 1564 book because this book was not known by the name AUSBUND. (See Mennonite Life, April 1957, p. 62.)

In 1903 Rudolf Walkan had in his possession an AUSBUND copy published in Dresden, Germany, dated 1583 with a second title page in the "second part" dated 1584. (See Lieder der Wiedertäufer, p. 118.)

I assume, when the "original" 1583 was so greatly enlarged, and received the name AUSBUND, that it also received its present preface. I compared the 1967 preface against the 18th and 19th century American editions as well as several early undated European editions and found the text essentially the same, spelling and minor grammatical wording were altered over the years.

In concluding, I now believe that the first (1564) edition may or may not have been edited by the Philippiites, or Swiss Brethren, but that the larger, present form of the AUSBUND (1583) was edited by "friends," sometimes called Half Anabaptists<sup>5</sup> (see Mennonite Encyclopedia, vol II, p. 634) published primarily for the state churches, so that they deter their evil persecutions that they were bringing on these poor Lambs of Jesus (Swiss Brethren). As mentioned earlier, the original 1564 preface was abandoned in later editions.

The following is the original German text of the title page and preface of the 1564 edition.<sup>6</sup>

# Erläuterungen zu den christlichen Gesetzen, wie sie in der Gefangenheit zu Passau im Schloss von den Schweizer Brüdern durch Gottes gnad geticht und gesam- men worden.

Psalm. 139.

Die Stolzen haben mir stut gelegt/daz garn haben  
Sie mir mit seilen aufgespannen/ vnd da ich geren solet  
haben sie mir fallen zugefüret. Sam. 1b. scrich ich zum  
Herrn: Du bist mein Gott.

M. D. LXIIIIL

Vorred.

**B**emach freundlicher  
lieber Lüser/ sich in dieser jes-  
zigen Welt/ die zeit ganz  
geschickt vnd sorglich in  
glaubens Sachen vermassen  
anschaffen/daz schier der gemein Mann  
nach der Propheteey Christi nicht weiß wo  
hinauf/ dann die Menschen lange zeyt/

durch aufrichtung falscher Gottesdienst/  
vnd freyheiten/ von der warheit auffgehal-  
ten/ Und viel falsche Propheten vnd Apo-  
steln/ vndern scheint der warheit/ in diesen  
zeiten tagen/sich beträchtlich erhaben. Daz woubt es  
es auch kein wunder/ wo es möglich were/  
in jhrthumb verfüllt wäre die Außertwelt/  
Dann die lieb ist in eile erhalt/die vns  
gerechtigkeit hat überhand genommen/vnd  
viel ergern sich an Ehrlo/ Also/ daz der  
Gott der Esdi e jetzt in vielen Landen mar-  
kirt/ vnd gefüllt wird da er spricht: Ein Land  
wirr dat andre frag/ vnd sprechen: Lieber  
ist gerechtigkeit durch dich zogen/ so würde  
es sprechen/ nein. Zu der zeit werden die  
Menschen hoffen/ aber nicht erlangen/ re.  
Welches wird an höchlich zu herzen gefaßt/  
Esdi. Dieweil wir geschen/ daz der weg der war-  
heit vilen verborgen/das Land vor reu ist/  
vnd die warheit vilmals auf unvissenheit  
vñ bosheit geschwecht wirt/an welchem als-  
leini die obgenannte Manmons Kuecht/ so  
im jrrthumb des lohns Balaams ersoffen/  
nicht geringe vrsachen sind/ welche das Es-  
uangelium mehr aus schandlich gewins  
gesuch/ dan aus geneigtem gemüt/ lehren/  
die warheit im unrechten auffhalten/ vnd  
troßen die leichtfertigen gewissen/ die sic bil-  
lich schrecken/ vnd ein vrsach der bessierung  
geben solten/ wie dann das ganze Land jehe  
mit freßel vnd vnbill erfüllt/ also dass schier  
jetzt niemandes achtet/ daz er Gottes ein  
wissens tregt/ den doch sein bosheit reu/  
der da spricht: Warum hab ich das gehan/  
sonder wir wollens alles auff die alte schuld  
kerb Adams schneiden/vñ sagen: Wir sind  
alle arme Sünder/ vnd in sünden geboren.  
Welche schuld doch Christus bezahlt/ den  
eingang des Paradyß durch sein Tod ers-  
öffnet/reu das glühend Schwerdt unsers  
gewissens durch sein Blut hinweg gethan.  
Also/ daz wir nun hinfürt ein freyen zu-  
gang zu dem waren Baum des lebens ha-  
ben/ so fer wir in solcher freiheit/damit vns  
Christus gefreyet hat/ bleiben/ Aber gleich  
wie der Esau sein erste Geburt aus leichts-  
fertigkeit verkauft/ also gering achten die  
Kinder der Menschen/ auch zu dieser zeit/  
die versünning vnd Blutvergießung Chri-

Ge. 25

si/ Und wo sie mit dem verloren Son jres <sup>Lucas 15</sup>  
 Vatters Hauss nicht wider suchen/ che sie  
 ganz im hunger verderben/ vnd die zeit der  
 besserung bis ans ende verzichen/ so sehen  
 sie zu/dass sie auch nicht mit dem Esau vers Ebre.  
 schäpt/vnd desz künftigen guts vnd segens  
 beraubt werden / Welches doch der gerech-  
 te Gott theuwer von aller Menschen heud  
 erfordern wirt/vnangesehen dass er vns iāz  
 lich/als ein getreuer Vatter/ mit ihewo-  
 tung/schädlichem Gewitter / vnd Pestis-  
 lensz/treuwisch waruet/noch wil sich die  
 Welt nicht wihigen/vnd jre Sünd laiden  
 vnd gercuwen lassen. Derhalben werden  
 jre plagen auff einen tag kommen/ der tod/  
 laid/hunger/vnd miß feiwr werden sic ver-  
 breunt werden / dann starct ist Gott der  
 Herr/der sie richeten wirt/dann jre sünd has-  
 ben gefolgt bis in Himmel/ vnd der Herr  
 hat au jren fressel gedacht/Dann der rauch  
 jrer pein wirdt aufsteigen von ewigkeit zu  
 ewigkeit / vnd sie haben kein ruw tag vnd  
 nacht/derhalben sagt die Geschrift/Selig  
 ist der da wachet/vnd halt seine Kleider dass  
 er nicht bloß wandle / vnd man sein schand  
 nicht sche/welchs vns dann nicht wenig vr-  
 sach geben/ diese Geifiliche Geseng (so vor-  
 mals nie alle/ sonder allein etlich darauf)  
 in Truck zuverfertigen/ob villeicht jemand  
 darinn durch desz Herren wort geschlagen/  
 von der bosheit weichen/ vnd ein liebe zu  
 Gott gewinnen / vñ nicht die trübsaln dar-  
 inn / so eins;eden Christenheit ware prob/  
 sonder die warhafte verheissung Gottes/  
 denen die bis ins end mit gedult verharren/  
 zu herten fassen wolt/welchs dann auch dis-  
 se Brüder (so man die Schweizer nennet)  
 in allem jrem zwang angesehen/vñ sich desz  
 schattes desz Kürbs Ione nicht gescuwt/  
 sonder die hisz Christi mit freuden ange-  
 nommen / vnd höher geachtet die schmack  
 Christi/dann die Schatz der ganzen Welt/  
 welchs wir allen vnsfern Freunden vñ Feind-  
 den wunschen/dass sie jr leben zu Gottes ehr  
 ausser solchem Glücklin bessern/damit wir  
 hie in diser zeit in gutem gewissen bey dem  
 Herren möchten ruw finden/ vnd  
 dort in ewigkeit/  
 Amen.

The following is my English translation of the title page and preface of the 1564 edition:

A number of beautiful Christian hymns that by God's grace were written and sung by the Swiss Brethren while imprisoned in the Castle at Passau.

Psalm 139 - The proud have laid cords for me, they have stretched their nets with ropes, and when I go in the way of the proud they have set traps for me. Therefore said I to the Lord, Thou art my God.<sup>7</sup>

#### Preface

Hereby, dear friendly reader, note that in this present world the times are highly dangerous concerning matters of faith, to the point that the common man according to the prophecy of Christ, hardly knows which way out because man has set up false religions and liberties apart from the truth. And many false prophets and apostles have deceptively arisen in these last days with another version of truth. Matt. 24

It is not surprising that even the very elect could possibly be deceived, because the love of many has grown cold, and idolatry has gotten the upper hand and many are offended at Christ, accordingly the saying of Esdras is truly fulfilled when he says:

One country will ask another by saying, "Righteousness should spread abroad in your land, but it will answer, no. At that time man shall hope, but not obtain." 4 Esdras 5 We have seriously taken to heart because we see there is such turmoil in the land and the way of truth is hidden to many, and truth is often weakened through ignorance and malice. These are the mentioned servants of Mammon, drowned in error, the reward of Balaam, it being of no small importance. The Gospel is being taught more to gain shameful fortune, rather than a receptive spirit. They uphold truth with unrighteousness, and comfort the wanton conscience, but instead they should give a legitimate ground to strengthen it, and now the whole land is filled with malice and injustice, so much so that almost no one heeds it or knows that he bears a conscience of God, still he may be sorry about his mischief and say, "Why have I done this?" But rather we wish to put all the blame on the old man Adam and say we are all born poor sinners and born in sin which guilt certainly Christ has taken away and opened our way to Paradise and through His death the sharp pricking conscience has been taken away by His blood.

Of a truth we have assurance of free access to the tree of life so long as we stay in this freedom with which Christ had freed us. But just as Esau in a lax manner sold his birthright, just so little do the children of man today care about the atonement and shed blood of Christ. And if they do not seek the father's house as the prodigal son did before the proving time is over, so that they be not robbed of future blessing, and lose out as Esau did.

This is what the true God certainly will require at the hands of all men, considering that as a true Father He faithfully warns us with famine, destructive weather, and pestilence, and still the world does not want to take a lesson, and repent and lay down their sins. Therefore their sorrows shall some day come

upon them, by death, suffering, hunger and fire they will be consumed, for God is supreme who will judge them, whose sins have reached to Heaven and the Lord remembered their malice. For the smoke of their torment will ascend forever and ever and they have no rest neither day nor night, therefore say the Scriptures, "Blessed is he who is found watching and keeps his garments that he walk not naked and men do not see his shame."

This is therefore good reason that these hymns be brought into print, while previously only a few have been printed, never all of them, so that by these hymns perhaps someone will be touched by God's Word and will turn from his evil, and will win love toward God, and not win the sufferings in it because of having tried out Christianity, but rather the true promises of God, which are for those who exercise patience unto the end and grasp these truths in their heart, even as those brethren, who are called Swiss Brethren, have done.<sup>8</sup>

And in spite of all their persecutions they did not take pleasure in sitting under the shadow of Jonah's gourd, but with joy they accepted the Cross of Christ and considered it better to be disgraced with Christ than to have the treasure of the whole world and in this we wish to all our friends and foes that they by means of this booklet might improve their life toward God, that in this world they might live with a good conscience and might find rest over there in eternity.

Amen.

When the Ausbund was greatly enlarged in 1583, or earlier, a new preface was added, which is believed to be basically the same as the one we have today. Following is a reproduction of the title page and preface of our present AUSBUND, followed by my translation of the same.

## Ausbund

das ist:

Etliche schöne

## Christliche Lieder,

Wie sie in dem Gefängnis zu Passau in dem Schloß von den Schweizer Brüdern und von anderen rechtgläubigen Christen hin und her gedichtet worden.

Allen und jeden Christen,

Welcher Religion sie seien, unpartheiisch sehr nützlich.

Nebst einem Anhang von sechs Liedern.

## Vorrede.

In diesem Buche findest du, günstiger Leser und ~~Gelehrter~~, fast schöne Lieder, die aus Bitte gutherziger Leute zusammengetragen sind, und wiewohl sie nicht einerley Religion, ist doch hierinnen einem Jeden sein Gedicht ungekündigt gelassen, der Hoffnung, es werde niemand die Schäflein Christi, durch Lieder oder anders, aus seines Vaters Hand reissen, auch weil der Glaube in Christum nicht jedermann, nach eines Menschen Gang oder Zwang, auch nicht des wollenden oder laufenden, sondern eine Gabe ist der Erbarmung Gottes, ja eine geistliche Gabe Gottes von oben herab, und nicht eine Sache aus dem Fleisch und Blut, wie der Jüdische Saamen deren, die unter dem ersten Testamant oder Bund waren, ist; sondern eine Einschreibung des Geistes Christi in die Sinne und Herzen deren, so in den neuen von Gott gemachten Bund getreten, unter welchem, von dem kleinesten bis auf den größten, der Herr erkannt wird, durch die Vergebung ihrer Sünden. Dergalben guter Hoffnung, daß alle die, so von Gott gelehret und gezogen werden, hierinnen keinen Schaden nehmen: Dann hierinnen keiner etwas zu glauben (dann was ihn der Schrift gemäß dünkt) genöthigt wird, wie man dann jeynd wider die Schrift bey vielen sieht, daß die Sach leyder fürgenommen wird, was der Oberherr glaubt, das müssen auch der mehrtheil der Unterthanen und viel aus Zwang oder Heuchelei, Gunst zu erlangen, bekennen, wird auch mit Straf des Schwertes, Gefängniß und Gelds, bey etlichen mit Unverständ darob gehalten, es seye bey Papisten oder bey andern, so mit Verachtung der Päbstleren sich Christen, und der Aposteln Lehr in mündlichen Bekennniß näher und besser zu seyn rühmen. In welchen schwer und wichtigen Sachen, zu allen Theilen die Lehrer und Prediger solche Stände, die sich doch als Knechte des Friedens, oder Vorsteher, wie sie sich dafür halten und rühmen, die Oberkeit bey ihrem Amt in Polizeyen und gemeinen bürgerlichen Sachen das Böse zu strafen, dadurch das Gut und Ehrbarkeit gehandhabt wird, zu bleiben, und nicht über gesetzte Ordnung zu greifen, Vermahnungen, Gedenken, daß sie eine Oberkeit der Finsterniß dieser Welt, das ist, die Bosheit und Ungerechtigkeit, dieselben zu strafen, gesetzt ist, welches Amt dann auch dem gottlosen Heyden Neroni (dann das Oberkeitliche Amt keinen zum Christen macht) auszurichten befohlen ist, darum auch davon Paul zu den Römern am 13. den Christen, der Oberkeit als Gottes Dienern Gehorsam und Steuer zu leisten gebühret; daher nennet Gott den Heyndischen König Nebucadnezar seinen Knecht, Jer. am 23. und am 24. dann die Oberkeit wird eine Ruthe seines Borns genannt, Jes. 10. Sie sehen aber zu, daß sie aus anderer Anreizung ihr Amt nicht mißbrauchen, dann weil das Amt aller Oberkeit von Gott verordnet ist; (wie dann lautet das Wort Christi zu Pilato: wäre es dir nicht von oben herab gegeben;) so will es einem jeden Regenten gebühren, die Worte Daniels zu erwägen, daß der Allerhöchste der Menschen Königreichen mächtig ist, und sie dem, der ihm dazu gefällt, gibt; darum man auch Gott, dem Geber solches Amts, mehr schuldig ist zu gehorsamen, dann dem es gegeben wird. Hierinnen mögen alte Pfleger oder Fürgesetzte von der Oberkeit wohl wahrnehmen, daß sie die Unschuldigen nicht betrüben, und ein Deckel darüber machen. Es ist meiner gnädigen Herren Befehl, ich muß es thun. So wisse ein jeder, daß die Knechte Pilati, die Christum schlugen und creuzigten, von wegen des Befehls ihres Herrn an jenem Tag vor Gott gar nicht werden unschuldig seyn: Wer Ohren hat zu hören, der merke mit Verstand darauf. Aber es dünkt viel Leut, daß solche Sachen mehr durch Anreizung der Lehrer entspringen, dieweil sie schen, daß sie in die Dorne säen, und ihre Lehre

ohne Frucht abgeht; sie pflanzen durch Strafe des Schwerds, Gefängniß, Gelds: aber der Herr berichtet sie, Mal. 1. Und bliebeßt man Gott in sein Amt greift, auch, das, so durch seinen Geist getrieben, mit willigem Herzen angenommen werden soll, durch fleischliche Gewalt, in die Leute dringen will, so doch in keines Menschen Hand stehet den Glauben zu geben, Röm. 10. oder den Unglauben zu strafen, dessen Straf ist ewige Verdammniß, welches Christo zustehet: wirds nicht mit solchem unschuldlichen Fürnehmen je ärger? Es wäre verhalben gut, daß man die Decke von den Augen abhält, und sich die Ehre nicht selbst geben, sondern den Worten Pauli ein Fortgang lassen, welche der Geist Gottes treibt, die sind Kinder. Da ist alles Menschlich Treiben ausgeschlossen, aber wie die Apostel die Christliche Kirchen, durch Kraft des Heiligen Geistes und Mittel des Banns erbauet, das Böse von ihnen gethan, doch nicht darum aus dem Lande verjagt, oder das ihrige genommen; so treiben jetzt viel das Widerspiel, was die Apostel durch Gottes Kraft und Mittel des Banns gethan, thun sie durch Mandat der Obrigkeit, und wollen den Glauben durch äußerliche Gewalt den Leuten andringen; wie ernstlich es aber fürgenommen wird, so will doch kein Zeugniß Gottes zur Verbesserung und Neuer Geburt barans erfolgen; ob nun der Mangel am Herrn Christo, ob er bis ans Ende der Welt bey seiner Kirche bleiben will, sey, oder an solchen unbedachten Leuten, mag ein jeder Christ bey ihm selber bedacht seyn. So man aber beydes, der Apostel und lebiger Zeit etlicher Lehrer Leben und Thun gegen einander leget, oder wie es sich mit dem Spruch Pauli vergleiche, Phil. 3. da er sagt: Folget mir nach, Sehet auf die, die also wandeln, wie ihr uns habt zum Vorbilde, stehet einem jeden frey zu erwägen. Hierin aber wird nicht das Amt der Oberkeit, das Böse in bürgerlichen Sachen zu strafen, aufgehoben, sondern in Glaubenssachen. Dann eine Oberkeit ist gesetzt, die augenscheinlich bösen Werke, und nicht den bösen Glauben zu strafen: sinnmal der Unglaube ein unsichtbar Ding ist, sowohl als der rechte Glaube eine Ergreifung derer Dinge, die man nicht sieht. So giebts ja die Natur, daß auch bessern Strafe und Belohnung Gott (der ins Verborgene sieht) allein zugehört. Darum auch ein jeder vor sich selbst Gott Rechenschaft geben muß, was er gethan, es sey Gutes oder Böses, dieweil kein Mensch in das Verborgene sehen, oder in solchen Sachen vor der Zeit nichts richten kann, bis der Herr kommt, welcher die Rathsätze der Herzen offenbaren wird. Darum erkennt die Kirche Christi ein ander Gericht hierinnen, nemlich den Baum, so von Christo und den Aposteln befahlen und gebraucht. Derhalben mögen die Anheiter der Obrigkeit ihr schweres Urtheil wohl bedenken, daß nicht durch unschuldiges Blut ihre Verdammniß desto schwerer werde. Dann den Christen gehöhret, ihrem Lehrmeister nach, nicht zu verfolgen, sondern verfolgt zu werden. Aber wie dem allem, wann es nicht Nacht und dunkel würde, wer wollte wissen, was Tag wäre? Und wenn solche Verfolgung unterm Namen Christi (darin sie Gott zu dienen vermeinen) nicht geshähe, wie würde dann die Schrift erfüllt? Welches alles dem gottesfürchtigen Leser mit unpartheyischem Gemüth zu erwägen, hie anstatt einer Warnung, in der Kürze Christlicher Meynung, heimgestellt ist, mit Betrachtung, daß man in allen solchen Sachen kein fleischlich noch irdisch Lob, sondern vielmehr mit Christo eine Dornenkronen denket davon zu bringen.

A number of beautiful Christian hymns written by Swiss Brethren while they were held in the prison the castle of Passau and also by other true believing Christians from here and there. Each and every one is Christian, whatever denomination he may be, the hymns being very valuable and not denominational.<sup>9</sup>

In this little book, affectionate reader and singer you will find quite beautiful hymns that have been compiled by request of goodhearted people,<sup>10</sup> and though they are not all the same religion, still each one's poem was left uncensored, in the hope that through these hymns or otherwise none of the Lambs of Christ will be plucked out of the Father's hand. And since faith in Christ is not everybody's, nor is it by one's way of doing nor by compulsion, and not by maturing or by competing, but it is a gift by the mercy of God, given from above. Yes, it is not a thing of flesh and blood, like it was for the children of Israel, who were under the first testament of covenant, but through the writing of the Spirit of Christ into the minds and hearts of those who entered into the covenant made by God, by whom, from the least to the greatest, God will be acknowledged through the forgiveness of their sins. Thus having good hope that all those taught and chastened by God shall not suffer loss. So do not believe anything in this book that does not meet Bible standards. Today one sees the Bible among many again, but alas, it is interpreted to mean what the leader believes and this the majority of the subjects must confess either under force or hypocrisy in order to gain prestige. Also some are held in the faith of the leader by punishment of the sword, imprisonment and fines of money, and a few with misunderstanding, be it by the Popes or by others, who boast that they are Christians and followers of the apostles' doctrines. The teachers and preachers referred to, in all points even in weighty and important matters consider and offer themselves as representatives of peace and consider the government in their office to police and punish evil in general civil matters, in order to protect right of ownership and honor and not letting offenders transgress the established order. Do remember, do consider that they are a government of the darkness of this world, established to punish evil and unrighteousness they are also obliged to punish and carry out the office the same as the Godless heathen Nero. Therefore Paul felt it proper to treat the government as servant of God, obey them and pay tribute to them, that is why God called the heathen King Nebuchadnezzar His servant. Jeremiah, chapters 23 and 43, then also is the government called the rod of his anger. Isaiah 10 ver. 5. They should take heed however that they do not misuse their offices to other inducements, because all government is ordained of God. How then does the word of Christ to Pilate sound? was it not given from above, so that each reigning prince assumes the right to employ the Word of Daniel (chap. 2:36-37) that they are powerful and the greatest among kingdoms and that they are preferred of God, the giver of such offices, and that they (the people) are more obliged to obey (such rulers) than to the ruler whom it was (first) given. In this matter may the government be serious not to oppress the innocent and cover it up. I must make it known it is a command by the grace of my heart, that the Servants of Pilate that killed and crucified Christ, upon the command of their authorities. You shall know that on that day before

**God, they shall not go guiltless.** He who hath ears to hear, and with understanding take notice upon it. However many people are of the opinion that such things are mostly developed by the motivation of the teacher, because they see that they sow in thorns and their doctrine produces no fruit. They plant by means of sword, imprisonment and fines, but their heart condemns them in Malachi Chap. 1 and man shall by a willing heart be inspired by the spirit as they reach into the office of God. They by fleshly power force the people, yet do not give place for faith, Rom. 10, nor punish unbelief. The eternal punishment which Christ sanctions is not this ever worsening unchristlike procedure. For this reason it would be good that one removes the covers from his eyes, not to draw honor to ourselves, but letting the words of Paul reign, which is driven by God's spirit. They (the rulers) are children, that is to say they have departed from all human reason, on the other hand the Apostals (define) the Christian as being built by the power of the Holy Spirit, and evil is put out of the church by means of excommunication, yet not to seize their properties and drive them out of the country. But today many do contrary to the Apostals (teaching) through the power of God and the median of excommunication, but they (the state church) want to force the Faith upon the people by mandate of government. As mentioned earlier, even so, no improved witness of God or new birth will be produced there from. Is the fault then with the Lord Christ or does he not want to remain with his church to the end of the world?, or, with such unreasonable people? May each Christian take it to heart. If one compares the lives of the Apostals, side by side with some of the present teachers, or with the sayings of Paul in Philippians 3:17 "Brethren, be followers together of me, and mark them which walk so, as ye have us for an ensample," let everyone be free to consider (the matter). In this (passage) it is not referring, that the office of government shall punish evil in civil affairs, but it refers to matters of Faith, for a government is instituted to punish the evil visible to the eye and not evil faith, where as, unbelief is invisible, even as an infilling of the true Faith cannot be seen. Yes, even nature tells us that to God, who sees in secret, belongs punishment and reward.

Each therefore must give an account before God of what he has done, be it good or evil, because no person can see in secret or judge until the Lord returns and reveals the attitudes of the hearts, because the church, which Christ and the apostles professed, used and commanded another (type) of ban. In this behalf let the inciters of the rulers deeply reconsider their severe judgement, so that their condemnation is not made worse through shedding of innocent blood. According to their chief teacher one does not have to closely follow the cause of Christ, and especially not be persecuted.

But all in all it would not turn dark and become night, how could we know when it is day, if such persecution would not come to pass, how could the Scripture be fulfilled, "They shall kill you," thinking they do the Lord service.

God fearing reader, weigh this all with impartial attitude. With contemplation give place to the warning set forth in this brief Christian confession. This is to bring no fleshy or earthly praise in these matters, but on the contrary, much more to bring to remembrance Christ's crown of thorns.

(end of our present preface translation)

1. This article was written and both prefaces translated by Amos B. Hoover of R.D.#1, Denver, Pa. 17517. Also some very helpful assistance in the translating was obtained from Fritz Heuser, Noah Good, and Joseph Beiler.

2. cf. Mennonite Piety, by Robert Friedman, p. 156

3. The Amish sing two songs before preaching service, in the absence of the ministry. If for any reason the ministers do not enter the assembly when the two songs are sung, the congregation will begin a third song, but will cease singing when the ministers enter. Singing will not be resumed until the preaching is over and benediction has been pronounced. The Mennonites of Lancaster held their worship services of the 18th century in near identical form to that of the Amish. They also concluded worship gave announcements, and pronounced the benediction before the final singing. (See Mennonite Historical Bulletin, April, 1941, p. 2, center col.) The Lancaster Conference began to abandon above practice between 1850-1865, because the leaders felt that singing should be included in the worship service. The Pike Mennonites took the same course in about 1888 when their venerable Bishop David Stauffer concluded, "Es singes gehort aa zum Gottesdienst." In 1893 the Martinites reinstated the old practice of having the benediction before the final singing, and is still so practiced by the Wengerites. In about 1946 the Horning group, however, rejected this reinstatement and ever since have the benediction at the close to include the singing.

4. A facsimile edition of this earlier AUSBUND is being reproduced by a printing company of Holland. They may be ordered from the Clay Bookstore, Ephrata RI, Pa.

5. This 1583 is the earliest known book in the "enlarged" form and the first to bear the name AUSBUND. I have been unable to locate a preface of this edition, but assume it to be the same as our present books. Goshen College has an incomplete copy. The following is a quote from a letter dated Sept. 3, 1971, from Leonard Gross, "Unfortunately the first few pages of the Goshen copy of the 1583 edition are missing so that I cannot say whether another VORRED or no VORRED was included."

6. Courtesy of Leonard Gross, Archivist at Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana.

7. You will notice that our present (1967) "title page" found in the "second part," page 435, is practically unchanged from the 1564 AUSBUND. Note, however, that the Scriptural quotation is not the same as in our Lutheran Bibles. The 1967 AUSBUND gives the Lutheran reference, Psalm 140, verses 6 & 7, while in King James it is found in Psalms 140, verses 5 & 6. But the original is found in Psalms 139 in the well-beloved Froschauer Translation. Text is still Froschauer in the 1967 edition, only the reference is Lutheran.

8. This preface doesn't even mention that the book is intended for singing in the Brotherhood, but, as summarized here, it is hoped to create a genuine call to repentance among all men.

9. The language used here does not depict any staunch Anabaptist group, whose very concept was founded on the "pure" church idea.

10. The word Gutherzige or good-hearted people can be taken literally. It seems, however, that this word was used interchangeably with treuherzigeleit or Half Anabaptists. These Gutherzige people were sympathizers with the Anabaptists, but they still remained within the State Church. See the 1971 volume of THE DIARY, pages 148 & 149. Also note the use of the word in LETTERS OF THE AMISH DIVISION and the prayer book, ERNSTHAFTE CHRISTEN PFLICHT, p. 58.

## OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

### The Northkill Congregation - Its Formation

Many of our readers are quite familiar with the numerous narratives written about our ancestors in Europe, especially in Switzerland, how they endured persecution, year after year, generation after generation, how they were driven from one country to another, that is, from Switzerland to the highlands of Germany, some to the lowlands, many of them settled in the Alsace regions, some even to Russia as refugees, where a church was planted for a time. Strange as it may seem that in the midst of this, but perhaps in more tolerant periods, dissention and disunity arose in the church which in its course formed a separation, or, commonly called, "a split," in the fold. In the 1690s we find two leaders, one John Reist, the other Jacob Ammon. The more conservative group was soon called Amish. This term given to them by their opponents was a slander name. Twenty five years ago a visiting brother from the west referred to this word Amish being a slander word. This subject clung to my mind over the years until a few years ago I found full proof to the brother's statement.

In a book entitled, *BERNISCHE TAUFER*, Ernst Muller (pfarrer in Langnau, Sweitz) made a most extensive study of the Anabaptist group in his country, which includes many informals of the two groups. In this book he clearly states that the Ammon group was called Ammonischer or Ammonites, which would, in long range terms, be the proper name. This subject, along with some others, he pointed out the bitter feelings that prevailed among these cousins for at least a half century after the separation, and maintained that in the midst of the tribulations they suffered, they did not preferably ride together in one ship or settle in one section.

Now that we are about to present a list of names collected from tax returns, land grants, and other readings, we will find among early enrollments, some distinct Mennonite names, as Zimmerman, Sollen-

berger, Souder, Weber, Stauffer, Good, and others. It may be hard for some of our readers to accept these as Ammonite names in America, but, sure enough, the light is on.

European records show that these names abided together with more common Amish names of today in one congregation as late as 1800. The records on the shelf show that some of these family heads bear full potency to our existing congregation today.

At the beginning of the eighteenth century a new world called America was introduced to these despised or forsaken inhabitants of Europe, by land companies of London. These thrifty, hardworking Swiss-Germans were particularly invited to come by William Penn. The idea was not readily accepted at first, but by the turning of the first quarter there were ships unloading passengers called Amish. Shiplist after shiplist can be found to have unloaded in Philadelphia with, now familiar, names, until about 1800. After that only traces are found to settle in the east, yet we know of some to settle in Lancaster County as late as 1880, and many have settled in western sections in this time.

There is one subject that all of our family record writers and all of our historians agree upon, that Jacob Hertzler was the first Amish bishop in America. This had long been accepted as a fact. According to the Silas Hertzler book, he was born in 1703, or about ten years after the separation. Jacob, as well as many other early settlers, could well have heard his parents relate incidents that took place then. He came to America in 1749.

I notice that some writers and some people of today relate the idea that our early congregation in what is now Berks County (until 1752 it was Bern Twp., Lancaster Co.) were left Shepherdless until 1749. I cannot imagine a body of people with the experience they had in the old country, to venture across the sea into an unknown world, so blindfolded as without a minister in some rank or form as a leader. To history that would have been very unusual.

When the first Amish came to America, we cannot say, because we have no definite records to prove it. Some will say that certain families came across before the shiplists were compiled, which would place them in the 1710-1715 era, but of this we have no proof. In 1732-33 shiplists, we find names that are very fitting, and names that tie into our congregation, such as Rickenbaugh, Lapp, Gerber, and others. The early Gerbers were in Cumru Twp., the early Lapp placements we have as yet no trace of, some of the early Richenbachs settled first near Lancaster. All in all it is probable that the initial Northkill body arrived in the fall of 1737. From these lists we can gather names that stand in records of the Northkill Church. From two shiplists of that year we can collect about eighteen Amish families, with at least two dozen children. Some of these bought tracts of land in Bern Twp. the same year, most of them bought tracts early the next year, and almost all of them can be traced to live in the Northkill section. With this group we suspect there was a leader.

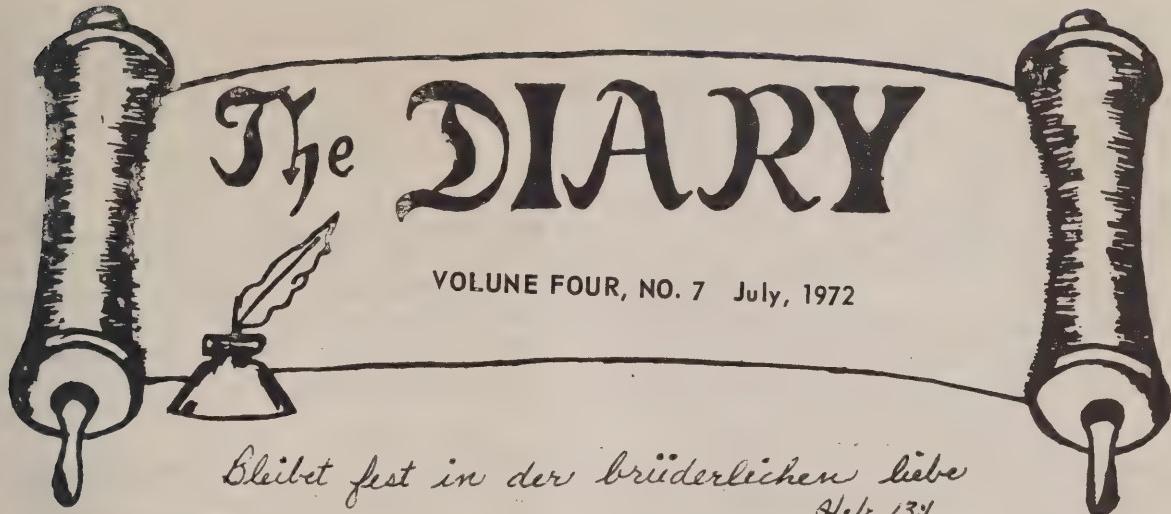
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#### INDIANA MAN CRUSHED

##### BENEATH MOBILE HOME

John J. Yoder, 28, of Shipshewana R2, Indiana, apparently died instantly about 9 a.m. Monday when a Gerring Industries mobile home, under which he was working, fell and crushed him to death. He died of severe crushing injuries to the chest. Yoder and a companion employee, Edward King, were together beneath the unit when a hitch jack broke and the weight of the trailer fell on Yoder. Yoder was caught beneath the "outrigger," a long beam that runs the length of the mobile home. King was between the ribs of the frame when the trailer fell, and was not injured. (see obituary)

#### INDIANA MAN HAS BROKEN NECK

On July 14, Bishop John C. Schwartz, Geneva R2, Indiana, went over to his neighbors, Chriss A. Grabers to unload their hay, since Chriss was nursing a painful arm injury. While John was unloading he took a misstep and fell from the wagon, breaking his neck. He was taken to the Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he remains a patient. He has a 10 lb. weight on his head and is in traction. Had surgery on his neck August 2. He was a very sick man the first weeks, but is improving now. Doesn't know how long he has to be in the hospital. Home address is: R2, Box 251, Geneva, Indiana 46740

#### 15 YEAR OLD HAD HEART SURGERY

Ruth Wickey, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Wickey, R1, Geneva, Indiana 46740, had open heart surgery on July 7 in the Riley Hospital, Indianapolis. She had a heart defect since birth and was never very healthy. Was dismissed from the hospital on July 21, and seems to be recovering real well.

#### PA. YOUTH HAD LEUKEMIA

Benuel B., 17, son of John J. Lapp, New Holland R1, Pa., died July 11 of Leukemia. In January 1971 Benuel was in the hospital four weeks where tests showed leukemia. He was well, and a willing worker till then. He was pretty well the rest of that year, and was at work. Then last winter his one hip got weak and had to go on crutches since February 1972. On June 14th he got fever and kept getting weaker to his end. We tried to do what loving hands could do for him. But God saw it best to call him home, and Benuel's wish was fulfilled. (see obituary)

#### BELLEVILLE MAN INJURED AT PLANING MILL

Noah B. Yoder of Belleville, Pa. was injured while working at D. K. Hostetler, Inc., a planing mill. On Friday, July 28, three men were sawing boards, a board flew out of control, hitting Noah on the head, fracturing his skull. He was first taken to Lewistown Hospital. They did not feel equipped to take care of him and sent him to the Harrisburg Hospital, where he was operated on and kept in intensive care till Sunday, July 30. He seems to be making improvement slowly. Noah is a son of Mrs. Lizzie Yoder and the late Bishop Noah D. Yoder, married to Katie, dau. of Benjamin and Gertrude Peachey, they have five children.

#### PA. MAN HAS INFECTED FOOT

David J. Yoder stepped into a rusty nail and got infection in his foot. He was quite sick and had a lot of pain. He is at present in Johnstown Hospital. They took 8 or 9 pieces, or chips of bone out since there. They were afraid, for awhile, that he'll lose his foot, but now have hopes of saving it. Their address is: Meyersdale R1, Pennsylvania.



*"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen."*

*Mark 10:14*



## BIRTHS

- Lancaster County, Pennsylvania  
 BLANK, Daniel (Sarah B. Stoltzfus) Narvon R2  
     a daughter, July 13  
 FISHER, Benjamin K. (Lizzie Fisher) Quarryville R3  
     a daughter SARAH K., July 4  
 FISHER, Daniel S. (Fannie Riehl) Bird-in-Hand R1  
     a daughter REBECCA R., July 24  
 FISHER, David E. (Anna Mae Stoltzfus) Gap R1  
     a son DANIEL RAY, July 28  
 FISHER, Moses B. (Katie Stoltzfus) Kinzers R1  
     a son LEVI S., July 3  
 GLICK, Daniel M. (Barbara King) Lititz R3  
     a daughter SADIE, July 5  
 KING, Abram P. (Fannie S. Fisher) Gordonville R1  
     a daughter MALINDA S., July 18  
 KING, John K. (Arie Esh) Strasburg R1  
     a daughter BARBARA E., July 2  
 KING, Jonas S. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1  
     a son BENUEL S., July 1  
 KING, Simeon (Mary S. Smoker) Kirkwood R1  
     a son STEPHEN S., July 22  
 LAPP, Levi (Elizabeth Riehl) Parkesburg R2  
     a daughter MARY JANE, June 29  
 MILLER, Elmer L. (Hannah Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1  
     a daughter ANNIE S., July 21  
 SMUCKER, Raymond Z. (Sarah L. King) Narvon R1  
     a daughter KATHRYN, June 26  
 SPEICHER, Aaron J. (Rebecca King) Witmer  
     a son CHRISTIAN K., July 3  
 STOLTZFOOS, John K. (Barbara S. Glick) Holtwood R2  
     a daughter LYDIA G., July 23  
 STOLTZFUS, Amos K. (Sadie Fisher) Gordonville R1  
     a son, July 27  
 STOLTZFUS, Christ S. (Priscilla Stoltzfus) Honey Brook R1, a son NATHAN LEE, July 13  
 STOLTZFUS, Daniel S. (Rebecca Fisher) Christiana R1  
     a daughter REBECCA, July 7  
 STOLTZFUS, Ira J. (Annie Beiler) Kinzers R1  
     a son IRA J. July 15  
 STOLTZFUS, Jacob (Rachel King) Quarryville R2  
     a son CHRISTIAN K., July 23  
 STOLTZFUS, Joel L. (Rachel Stoltzfus) Peach Bottom R1, a daughter ANNIE S., July 4  
 STOLTZFUS, John B. (Susan Fisher) Kirkwood R1  
     a son HENRY, July 2  
 STOLTZFUS, John J. (Ada M. Glick) Honey Brook R1  
     a daughter FANNIE S., July 30  
 STOLTZFUS, Jonas K. (Fannie Fisher) Christiana R1  
     a son JONAS, July 28  
 STOLTZFUS, Levi M. (Lizzie K. Esh) Bird-in-Hand R1  
     a daughter REBECCA, June 30  
 STOLTZFUS, Melvin J. (Barbara Lapp) Lititz R2  
     a daughter SARAH K., July 8  
 STOLTZFUS, Reuben (Sadie L. Fisher) Atglen R1  
     a daughter KATIE F., July 30

- STOLTZFUS, Samuel K. (Lydia Beiler) Kirkwood R1  
     Bartville Rd., B168, a son ISAAC B., June 3  
 STOLTZFUS, Samuel L. (Malinda Esh) Bird-in-Hand R1, a daughter FANNIE E., July 5  
 ZOOK, Christian B. (Sarah Fisher) Gap R1  
     a son JOEL Z., July 27

## Dover, Delaware

- BONTRAGER, David E. (Lena Miller) Dover R2  
     a daughter NANCY, July 12  
 MAST, Joni J. (Lizzie Byler) Dover R2  
     a son JOHN RAY, July 14  
 MILLER, Ervin H. (Emma Mast) Wyoming R1  
     a daughter ANNA MAE, July 13  
 TROYER, John S. (Miriam Coblenz) Hartley R1  
     a daughter SUSAN, July 17

- St. Mary's County, Maryland  
 STOLTZFUS, Gideon (Hannah Hostetler) Charlotte Hall, a daughter BECKIE, July 23  
 STOLTZFUS, Joseph (Susie Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville  
     a son AMOS, July 7

- Adams County, Pennsylvania  
 ESH, John Z. (Hannah Stoltzfus)  
     a son PAUL, July 18

- Juniata County, Pennsylvania  
 SWAREY, Christ K. (Alta Byler) Mifflintown R2  
     a son CHRIST, July 21

- Centre County, Pennsylvania  
 STOLTZFUS, Sam J. (Annie Miller) Madisonburg  
     a daughter MARY, July 22

- Somerset County, Pennsylvania  
 KINSINGER, David R. (Effie Brenneman) Salisbury  
     a daughter LYDIA, July 22  
 YODER, Herman M. (Mary H. Kinsinger) Meyersdale  
     a daughter LAURA SUSAN, July 16

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Mifflin County, Pennsylvania  
 BYLER, John (Annie Kanagy) Belleville  
   a son JONATHAN, July 25  
 PEACHEY, Ammon (Sarah Peachey) Belleville  
   a daughter SALOMA, July 3  
 PEACHEY, Elmer (Mary Zook) Belleville  
   a son JONATHAN, July 25  
 PEACHEY, Samuel (Lizzie Kanagy) Belleville  
   a son STEVE, July 2

Holmes County, Ohio  
 MILLER, Christ (Betty Miller) Millersburg R5  
   a daughter NAOMI, July 26  
 MILLER, Eli (Esther M. Miller) Millersburg R5  
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Ashland County, Ohio  
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 CHUPP, Lloyd (Edith Eash) Ligonier R4  
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 WINGARD, Wilbur (Lizzie Allen Frey) LaGrange R4  
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   a son DAVID, July 21

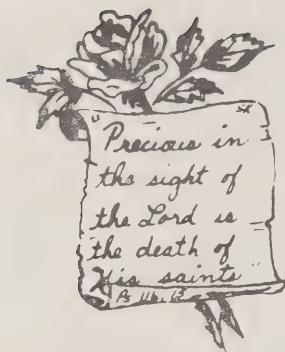
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 STUTZMAN, Marvin (Sarah Herschberger)  
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Adams County, Indiana  
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 SCHWARTZ, Harvey D. (Carol N. Schwartz) Berne R1  
   a son ERVIN, July 20  
 SCHWARTZ, Joe N. (Leah Gruber) Geneva R2  
   a son JOE, July 10  
 SCHWARTZ, Menno H. (Katie Christner) Geneva R1  
   a son PHEANIS, July 19  
 SCHWARTZ, Nate M. (Barbara Schwartz) Geneva R1  
   a daughter SALOME, July 8  
 TROYER, Ernest C. (Edna V. Schwartz) Monroe R1  
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Daviess County, Indiana  
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   a daughter MARTHA, June 16  
 GRABER, Louis (Verda Gruber)  
   a daughter, June 24  
 GRABER, William A. (Lillie Stoll)  
   a daughter ROSIE MAY, July 21  
 KEMP, Raymond (Catherine Wagler)  
   DARVON RAY, June 4  
 KNEPP, Alva (Mary Ruth Wagler)  
   a daughter VIRGINIA, July 22  
 KNEPP, Eli (Fannie Wagler)  
   a son PHILLIP, June 10  
 KNEPP, Ervin (Lillie Wagler)  
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 KNEPP, Eilmer (Naomi Wagler)  
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 LENGACHER, Harold (Mary Catherine Yoder)  
   a son STEPHEN, July 11  
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   STILLBORN SON, July 17  
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   a son DAVID, June 14  
 STOLL, Leroy (Rosie Knepp)  
   a daughter, July 10  
 WAGLER, Frank (Esther Gruber)  
   a daughter, July 23  
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   a daughter SARAH, July 5  
 YODER, Vernon L. (Fannie Bontrager)  
   a daughter SARAH, July 6



## OBITUARIES

**BEILER, Mrs. Barbara R.**, 77, Kinzers R1, Pa.

died at her home at 4 a.m. Thursday, July 27. Born in Leacock Twp., she was a daughter of the late John and Fannie (Renno) Beiler. Her first husband was Jonathan Riehl, who died in 1953. Survivors include her husband, Abram L. Beiler; four sons, John Riehl, Kinzers R1; Elmer Riehl, New Providence; Aquilla Riehl, Lancaster R4; and Elam Riehl, Gap R1; two daughters, Fannie, wife of Christ S. King, Gordonville R1; and Rebecca, wife of Ephraim K. Stoltzfus, Narvon R2; nine stepsons, Elam Beiler, Gordonville R1; Jacob Beiler, and Christ Beiler, both of Kinzers R1; Amos Beiler and Ben Beiler, of Gap R1; Jonas Beiler, Kinzers R1; Henry Beiler, Madisonburg, Pa.; John Beiler, Kinzers R1; and Abram Beiler, of Crossville, Tenn.; five stepdaughters, Lizzie, wife of Samuel Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3; Mary, wife of Aaron Zook, Kinzers R1; Mrs. Malinda Petersheim, and Barbara, wife of Emanuel Flaud, of Bird-in-Hand R1; and Annie, wife of Ira Stoltzfus, Kinzers R1; 37 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren; 74 step-grandchildren; 9 step-great-grandchildren; and four brothers; Elias Beiler and Samuel Beiler, Gordonville R1; Reuben Beiler, Strasburg; and Jacob Beiler, of New Holland.

Funeral services were held by John F. Glick and David Riehl; hymn by Christian Petersheim; burial in the Millwood Cemetery.

**BEILER, Mrs. Lydia L.**, 84, of Quarryville R3, Pa.

died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Joshua Zook, Thursday, July 27, at 4:30 p.m. after an illness of six months. She was born in Leacock Twp., a daughter of the late Menno S. and Nancy (Beiler) Beiler, and was the widow of Daniel F. Beiler, who died in 1970. She is survived by nine sons and daus.; Malinda, wife of Ben F. King, Kirkwood R1; Ben S., Ronks; Nancy, wife of Joshua Zook, Quarryville R3; Menno S., Christiana R1; Elizabeth, wife of Christ E. Fisher, Paradise R1; Barbara, wife of Jacob S. Zook, Christiana R1; Naomi, wife of Aaron Hertzler, Charlotte Hall, Md.; Christ S., Paradise R1; and Lydia, wife of Levi K. Smoker, Christiana R1; 63 grandchildren; 102 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Daniel S. Beiler, Stuarts Draft, Va., and Malinda Lapp, Gordonville R1.

Funeral services were held by John K. Lapp and Joseph F. Beiler; hymns read by Amos L. Beiler and David Z. Esh; abschied by Jonas Esh; burial in the Georgetown Amish Cemetery.

**EASH, Daniel**, infant son of Jacob J. Eash, Indiana

Graveside services were held Sunday at 9:30 a.m. for Daniel Eash, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob J. Eash of Shipshewana R1, Indiana. The infant died shortly after birth Saturday at 10:20 p.m. in LaGrange County Hospital. Surviving with the parents is a sister, Rose Ann.

**HERTZLER, Samuel**, 84, Mechanicsville, Maryland

died July 19 at his home. He had a stroke a month earlier and was paralyzed on his right side. He was cared for by the children, day and night. He was born in Leacock Twp., Lancaster Co., Pa., a son of the late David and Nancy (Beiler) Hertzler, and moved to Maryland in 1920. His first wife, Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) died in 1952. He leaves his second wife, Katie (Hershberger) Hertzler, and 11 children, Isaac, of Mechanicsville; Jacob, Tavistock, Ont.; Annie, widow of Noah Schwartz, Ashland, Ohio; Samuel Jr., of Paraguay; Lena, Mechanicsville; Aaron, Charlotte Hall; Henry, Tavistock, Ont.; Fannie, wife of Benuel Stoltzfus; Rachel, wife of Thomas Swarey; Lydia, wife of Samuel S. Stoltzfus; and Andrew Hertzler, all of Mechanicsville; and three sisters, Lydia, widow of Jonathan B. Beiler, Quarryville R3, Pa.; Hannah, wife of Dea. Aaron M. Beiler, Lancaster R4, Pa.; and Annie, widow of Andrew D. Beiler, Bird-in-Hand, Pa.; also 84 grandchildren, and at least 60 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Benuel Stoltzfus home, where they lived, on July 22, by Eli Miller of Delaware, and John K. Lapp of Lancaster Co., Pa.; hymn "Welt hinweg," read at the house by Jonas Hertzler of Canada; "Alle menschen mussen sterben," by Ezra Beiler of Lancaster Co.; abschied by Bishop Samuel J. Stoltzfus.

**LAPP, Benuel B.**, 17, of New Holland R1, Pa.

died Tuesday, July 11 at 1:15 a.m. at his home, following an illness of one and one-half years, of leukemia (see front page). The son of John J. and Barbara S. (Beiler) Lapp, Benuel was born June 2, 1955, died at the age of 17 years and 15 days. Surviving are his parents and these brothers and sisters, Aaron E., and Lizzie B., wife of Moses L. Esh, both of New Holland R1; John K., Sylvan B., Emanuel B., Lydia B., Edna B., Amos B., and Barbara B., all at home; his paternal grandparents, John K. and Lizzie E. (Smucker) Lapp, New Holland R1; and his maternal grandmother, Mrs. Betsie F. (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Gap R1.

Funeral services were held at the home by Stephen U. Zook, and Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus; hymn "Gott lob, die stund ist kommen," read by Jonathan Z. Beiler; hymn "Nun bringen mir den leib zur ruh," read at graveyard by Levi Fisher; abschied by Amos Lapp. Burial was in Stoltzfus Cemetery, close by, had eight pallbearers, four cousins and four close friends. Cousins were John L. Stoltzfus, John B. Stoltzfus, Aaron E. Beiler, and David E. Lapp; close friends were John B. Stoltzfus, John E. Lapp, Henry Fisher Jr., and Samuel B. Smucker.

**MILLER, Jacob E., 87, of Arthur, Illinois**

son of Ephraim J.S. and Anna Miller, born Sept. 29, 1884; died July 3, 1972, at the age of 87 yr., 9 mo., 4 days. Married first to Barbara Eash, Nov. 24, 1904. Ordained minister in 1914. To this union were born five daughters and one son. Married second to Joanna Helmuth, Feb. 3, 1916; to this union were born one son and five daughters, she died March 10, 1936. Married third time to Lucy J. Helmuth, Nov. 8, 1936; she died Oct. 4, 1971, aged 73 years.

**MILLER, John B.C., 95, of Holmesville R1, Ohio**

died Tuesday, August 1, at the home of a daughter, Mrs. Andy M. Yoder, following a long illness. He was born Sept. 9, 1876 in Holmes Co., a son of the late Benedict and Lizzie (Hershberger) Miller. He was first married to Carolina Yoder who died in 1910. His second wife, Mary E. Hershberger, died in 1952. Surviving are three sons, Sam J. of Sugarcreek R2; Emanuel J. and Bishop Henry J. of Fredericksburg R2; six daughters, Mrs. Abner S. (Barbara) Miller of R2, Sugarcreek; Mrs. Bishop Jacob M. (Lizziann) Mast, and Mrs. Pre. Andy M. (Mary Ann) Yoder of Holmesville R1; Mrs. Bishop Sol L. (Katie) Weaver of R2 Fredericksburg; Mrs. Ivan M. (Mattie) Hochstetler of Millersburg R1; and Mrs. Harry E. (Ella) Miller of R5 Millersburg; 64 grandchildren; 93 great-grandchildren; one brother, Emanuel B. Miller of Sugarcreek R2. Preceding him in death were 2 brothers, 7 sisters, 1 daughter, 6 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held by Andy Mast; burial was in the Yoder Cemetery, Prairie Twp.

**MILLER, Levi, 66, of New Haven, Indiana**

died of a heart attack on Friday, July 14. He was born in Grabill, Indiana, the son of Eli and Amanda (Knepp) Miller. His first wife, Hannah Gruber, died in December 1926. His second wife, Sarah Eicher, survives, also two sons and one daughter, Henry, Mrs. Joe (Elizabeth) Hilty, and Andrew, all of New Haven R1; 9 grandchildren; and one sister, Mrs. Henry (Caroline) Langacher of Grabill, Indiana.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Jacob W. Eicher of Bowling Green, Mo. in small house; by Bishop Joe Delegrange in big house; hymn read by Dea. John S. Eicher of Bowling Green, Mo.; burial in Grabill Cemetery.

**YODER, John J., 28, of Shipshewana R2, Indiana**

died of crushing injuries to the chest (see front page). He was born east of Middlebury March 9, 1944, a son of Jerry and Mary Yoder of Shipshewana R2, and was married October 24, 1963, to Mary Bontrager, who survives. Also surviving are his parents, a son, Eugene at home; a sister, Mrs. Elmer (Ida) Miller of LaGrange, and seven brothers, William David, Lloyd and Wilbur of Middlebury, Harley and Jerry Jr. of Shipshewana, and Melvin of White Pigeon, Michigan.

Funeral services were held at the Roman Hochstetler home, by Bishop Peter Miller and Bishop John Troyer; burial in East Barren Cemetery.

**RABER, Mrs. Hannah E., 77, Loogootee R2, Ind.**

died at 8:05 a.m. Thursday, July 20, at her home after a brief illness. She had been in failing health the last few years. Born Oct. 20, 1894, she was a daughter of Amos and Fannie (Yoder) Gruber. In 1915 she married Joseph M. Raber, who survives; also 3 daughters, Mrs. Fannie Wagler, Montgomery; Mrs. Edith Stoll and Mrs. Ida Gruber, both of Loogootee R2; and 5 sons, Jake Raber, Hicksville, Ohio; Amos Raber, Hartville, Ohiop David Raber, Montgomery; Danny Raber, Clark Lake, Mich.; and Henry Raber, Jerome, Mich.; 34 grandchildren; 9 great-grandchildren; one brother, John L. Gruber, Montgomery; and two sisters, Mrs. Carolyn Knepp and Mrs. Louise Gruber, both of Loogootee.

Funeral services were held at the Noah L. Wagler residence by John L. Gruber; burial was in Stoll Cem.

**SCHROCK, Joe P., 71, of Holmes Co., Ohio**

He was at his brother's place Thursday, Aug. 3, and was on his way home, walking in a field, when he had a heart attack and died. Was first seen by a neighbor woman. Funeral was held Monday, Aug. 7.

**TROYER, Katie C., 25, Shipshewana, Indiana**

was found dead Sunday morning, July 9, at the trailer home of Donald Holmes of Constantine R1, by Holmes. She was born August 28, 1946, in Holmes Co., Ohio, the daughter of Christ A. and Susie (Yoder) Troyer of Shipshewana. Surviving with the parents are three brothers, Andrew C., Eli and Levi, and 4 sisters, Mrs. Sam (Lydia) Kauffman, Mrs. Dan (Mary) Schrock, and Fanny and Amanda, both at home.

Funeral services were held in the Troyer home by Bishop Amos Mast and Bishop Noah Miller; burial was in the Yoder Corner Cemetery.

**WAGLER, Nicholas, 62, Loogootee R2, Indiana**

died at 8:15 p.m. Friday, July 21, at Good Samaritan Hospital after a 10 day illness. He had been in failing health. He was born March 15, 1910, a son of Jacob and Adeline (Miller) Wagler. He is survived by one brother, Menno Wagler, Uniontown, Ohio, and two sisters, Mrs. Lena Gruber and Miss Adeline Wagler, both of Loogootee R2.

Funeral services were held at the Raymond Yoder residence by Ben E. Wagler; burial in Stoll Cem.

**WAGLER, Sarah S., 85, Montgomery R1, Indiana**

died in Good Samaritan Hospital, Vincennes, at 8 p.m. Sunday, July 9, following a serious illness of one day. Born Aug. 29, 1886, she was a daughter of John and Susan (Stoll) Gruber, and was married Dec. 9, 1909 to Levi Wagler, who died in 1944. Survivors include one daughter, Mrs. Noah (Rosa) Wittmer, of Montgomery R1; 9 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, four brothers and one sister, Henry and Elmer Gruber, Loogootee RR; Ben and Francis Gruber, Ft. Wayne, and Mrs. Joel (Lizzie) Knepp, Montgomery.

Funeral services were held at the Noah Wittmer residence; burial in Stoll Cemetery.

## 1972 July

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### CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Dover, Delaware, by Neil Hershberger

First half of July was continued wet with from 2 to 4 inches rain, temperature cool, and chilly. Hot weather set in July 14, continuing for 10 days, with temperature in high 90s, humidity very high, cooler again the last week. Most thrashing is done, with oats yields low to fair, barley and wheat yielding good. Second cutting clover is being put up. Corn grew very fast and looks good, except for low places which were drowned out.

St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

Six inches rain in July, also some very warm and sticky weather the week of the 16th, several days the temperature was over 100. "Air pollution heat wave crisis," it was called over the eastern United States. About two weeks of hay weather, now it is wet again.

Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

The rainfall for July in the Bareville area was 3.5 inches the first two weeks of the month, and caused a late harvest.

Market Report: Choice Fat Cattle, \$40.00 Cwt.; Four hundred pound choice Feeder Steers brought 56.50 Cwt.; Veal Calves, 42.00 to 65.00 Cwt.; Fat Hogs, 28.00 to 31.00 Cwt.; Forty pound Feeder Pigs, .60 lb.; Spring Lambs, 31.00 Cwt.; Dairy Cows at New Holland, from Vermont, sold \$510 to \$700; Leghorn Fowl, 9¢ lb.; Eggs, large, 37¢ doz., med., 33¢ doz.; Potatoes, 4.50 Cwt.; Ear Corn, 36.00 to 46.00 Ton, 1.45 Bu.; Wheat, 1.50 Bu.; Barley, 1.00 Bu.; Oats, .95 Bu.; Hay, 30.00 to 60.00 Ton; Straw, 22.00 to 40.00 Ton.

by Ammon F. Fisher

Total rainfall for July was 3.6 inches in Ronks area. July started in very warm, humidity was very high most of the month, warmest was 103 in shade on July 20, with no breeze. July 18 we had one inch of rain, one mile north, only a few drops, 10 miles east they had 3 inches in a half hour, which made the creek here come up over the banks in the eve. The last few days were a little more cooled off and damp, a few drops of rain July 31st.

by Elam S. Beiler

Early, short season corn showed tassels as early as the 14th of July. Most of corn is in tassels now, except late corn. This year we have some late corn, some late late corn, and also some late late late corn, as they were still planting the 26th of July. It grew very fast early this month due to warm humid weather,

some reaching a height of 11 ft., 9 in. Some was planted and grew 1 inch in 84 hours. Some mention should be made about weeds this year, weeds were at least half as high as corn, especially in fields that were not sprayed. A lot of nice second cutting alfalfa went in latter part of July, as we finally got good hay weather. Was not as heavy as some years as it had plenty of rain and drowned out in low places. First cutting mixed fields were finished up early in July, but most of it had some rain. Wheat binding started July 6, and some started thrashing the 11th. Most of thrashing was finished by the 22nd, though none of the grain was dry then yet. Made a lot of straw. Grain yields were low, from 21 to 53 bushels, most in high 30 and low 40s, possibly due to 5 in. of rain the 31st of May, when wheat was blooming. Quite a lot of tobacco was planted in July, some as late as the 21st. There was a lot of hand hoeing done as it could not be cultivated at the proper time. Very little has been topped yet. Plants were scarce all of a sudden, and corn was planted in some fields to fill them up. There are some low spots in fields that nothing has been planted yet, as they are still too wet to get into. Early harvest apples are a good crop.

Adams County, Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

July started in with nice weather for growing crops. Had the last measureable rainfall July 17th, when it rained  $\frac{1}{2}$  in., total for July was 2.45 in. We had 12 days of 90 degree weather, with several nights too warm to sleep comfortably. The highest for the month was 96 degrees. We also had some cool days, with one day when the high was only 63, had 7 cool nights when the temperature was in the 50s. Wheat harvest is about over and was a fair crop, Blue Boy did better than Red Coat. Price for wheat at the mill for good quality was \$1.47 per bushel. Wheat made a lot of straw, and was still standing nicely at harvest. Oats is cut. Farmers that were lucky enough to cut the first cutting alfalfa hay in time are making the second cutting. There is still a lot of timothy hay to be made, which is beginning to look rather rough. Some will not be harvested this year. Apples and peaches are ripe. We heard that peaches will only be about half a crop this year.

Juniata County, Pa., by David Y. Renno

Weather during July was fair and very warm, in the 90s for two weeks, about 2.25 in. rainfall for the month. Fair and dry the last week. We have had no violent thunder storms. Farmers got their timothy hay and wheat away the last of the month, except for some soft spots where they could still not get in. Wheat yields are below average. Oats look good and is very tall. Corn has a good color now since the very warm days and nights we've had. Peaches and apple crops will be about average. Health in general is good and work is plentiful for farmers and carpenters. The American Viscose Rayon Mill in Lewistown will remain closed after the damage it got in the June flood. This puts two thousand people out of work.

### Franklin County, Pa., by Jacob E. Flaud

The beginning of July we had a lot of showers and cloudy weather, warm and humid. Still some 1st cutting hay made during the month. Barley and wheat is thrashed, fairly good crop considering the weather, still some oats to thrash.

### Path Valley, Pa., by Daniel Z. Beiler

July started in with about normal rainfall, much cloudy weather. Temperature mostly on the cool side, 21st and 22nd were very warm and humid. A lot of hay was put in on the 4th, most of it had been cut a week or more, mulch business was good. Thunder showers 5 evenings in a row, 11th to 15th, very little rain since. Rainfall for July was below normal. A lot of good hay was put in after the 15th. Second cutting alfalfa is being cut, quite a bit in already. Barley and wheat mostly thrashed, a fair crop. Oats looks good and is ready to cut. Corn is suffering a little from dry weather on lighter soils. Cloudy, and raining a little, this morning, August 3.

### Snyder County, Pa., by Sam R. Troyer

We had about 4½ inches of rain in July. Had some hot and humid weather, which gave the corn a big boost. Some farmers are still making the first cutting of hay.

### Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus

The first half of July was rainy, off and on, in our section, with sometimes a little sunshine, too. The latter part was very warm and things were growing rapidly. It was getting a little dry at the end of the month. Quite a bit of nice second cutting hay made in July. Some wheat thrashed, oats not ready to cut yet. About 5 in. of rain for the month.

### Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine Swarey

July was warmer, more sunny days. Flash floods over week-end of July 16, a total of 3 in. Sat. and Sun. eve. in a short period of time. Making a total of 4 to 5 in. during July, varied a good bit in different places. Lots of nice hay has been put away. Wheat is cut and most of it thrashed. Oats is coloring fast, but not cut yet. Corn, in some places, looks very good, but in level or low places, it looks yellow and small yet, seems to have been drowned, and is now dried hard. Sweet corn is coming but is scarce.

### Somerset County, Pa., by Mary A. Kinsinger

The weather for July was quite the opposite from June. We had two inches of measurable rainfall for July, and seems to be getting dry on top. Some places they had more as the showers were scattered. July had some very warm weather, which gave the hay-makers time to put up their hay and cut the wheat. The gardens made a jump during this warm weather, but are still on behind. The cherries were scarce through here. The past week has been cooler again, but warmed up quite a bit again on August 1st.

### Crawford County, Pa., by Menno E. Fisher

Weather was on the dry side with only a few inches of rain. Good haying weather, with first cutting mostly all in. Some farmers are starting on second cutting. Oats is turning yellow, but very little cut. Early corn is in tassels. We had a very warm and humid week the latter part of July, otherwise it was pleasant, with cool mornings and evenings.

### Ashland County, Ohio, by Mary Brenneman

Weather in Ashland Co. was cloudy and cool with lots of showers the forepart of July, which made it hard to finish haying. Latter part of month was hot and humid, temperature up to lower 90s. Good threshing with wheat yields averaging from 20 to 45 bu. per acre. Corn is coming fast and looks very promising.

### Branch County, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

Weather for July was hot with high humidity most of the month, and many days of rain throughout the month, but no rains seemed to be heavy, only ½ inch or less at a time. Hay and wheat were exceptionally good in this area, some acreage reports on wheat were 65 bushels to the acre. Corn also looks very promising. Oats were fair to poor.

### Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hilty

July 1972 was cool, and wetter than normal. The statistics are as follows: High, 92 on the 21st; low, 46 on the 6th; rainfall, 5.4 inches; 8 clear days, 18 partly cloudy, 5 cloudy, 7 rainy, and 4 thunderstorms.

### Daviess County, Indiana, by Lester Marner

June was very dry. July had very little rainfall, approximately 2½ inches. Corn looks very good. Hay is a short crop. Hogs peaked in June, \$29.00 to \$30.00.

### Steuben County, Indiana, by Mrs. Noah Eicher

July was a cloudy and drizzly month. Three last days were sunny and clear. Farmers are making 2nd cutting hay, and again a problem to get it dry. Aug. started in very cool and cloudy, was especially cool week-end of the 6th. A few farmers are done thrashing oats. July statistics: 20 cloudy and drizzly days, 10 clear days, 11 days that it rained, 2 thunderstorms.

### Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

The first half of July was rather cool, with a few showers. Along about the middle of the month the temperature rose to 90 - 98, with showers of rain, and wind. Thrashing oats was mostly delayed till the last week.

### Aylmer, Ontario, by LeRoy Eicher

July was warm and rainy. Corn really grew. The first cutting hay is put away and some started on the second cutting.

### MIGRATION

David L. Borntrager, and Truman D. Borntrager families moved to Bronson, Michigan July 22, from Wilton, Wisconsin.

### MARRIAGE

Adams County, Indiana

Schwartz, Schwartz - William H., son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Schwartz, Geneva R1, and Lizzie K., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan D. Schwartz, July 9.

### OHIO ACCIDENT

July 28, Eli, 16 year old son of Pre. and Mrs. Andy M. Yoder of Holmesville, Ohio, was sent by his parents, with a neighbor boy as driver, to notify his mother's sisters and brothers that their father, John B. Miller is poorly. On the way home, they think a tire blew out, the driver lost control of the car and hit a foot-square cement post. The neighbor boy had 90 stitches in his head. Eli has a broken arm and leg, dislocated hip, bladder trouble, etc. At last report, was unconscious yet, at Wooster Hospital. Eli's grandfather died Tuesday, August 1. (see obituary)

### 6 YEAR OLD KICKED BY COLT

On July 4, Elvin, 6 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin A. Schrock, Arthur, Illinois, had the misfortune of being kicked in the face by a two month old colt, breaking his lower jaw and knocking out five teeth, was in hospital five days. At last report, has all the stitches removed and is getting along fine.

### VISITING MINISTERS, Somerset County, Pa.

Visiting ministers through here, were Simon and Reuben Miller, and Jake Mast, from Holmes County, Ohio, on July 20, in Lower District. In Upper District on July 30 were Christ Riehl, Henry Fisher, and Dea. Amos Fisher.

### VISITING MINISTERS, Franklin County, Pa.

July 2, Lloyd Beiler, Amos Stoltzfus, and Dea. Joe Blank. July 16, John Glick, Amos Kauffman, Ben Kauffman, Sam Kauffman, and Stephen Fisher. July 30, Sam Stoltzfus and Amos Lapp.

### VISITING MINISTERS, Arthur, Illinois

July 2 at church at the home of David J. Schrocks were Min. and Mrs. Ephraim D. Riehl, also at the home of David N. Schrocks were Min. and Mrs. Levi D. Riehl, and also services were held in P.M. by the same at the home of Melvin Ottos. July 3 services for the same were held in p.m. at the home of Omar Millers July 5 at the funeral of Pre. Jacob E. Miller, 87, they also had part of sermon in the crib, also at same funeral, the the house were Min. Norman Schrock from Maryland, and Min. Jerry Yoder from Kansas. July 16 at the home of Bishop Henry Miller was Min. Daniel H. Mast from Northern Indiana. July 23 at the home of Dea. Levi Otto were Bishop John Helmuth, Dea Whetstone, and Dea. Burkholder. July 30 at the home of Harley Schlabaugh were Min. Joe A. Bontrager from Northern Indiana, and Min. Edwin Kuhns from Nappanee, Indiana. July 30 at the home of Deacon John Otto were Min. and Mrs. Alva Raber from Daviess County, Indiana.

### A Loving Remembrance of our Dear Parents

John E. and Fannie B. (Lapp) Stoltzfus

John E.

Dad was born the 18th of November.  
His good deeds we should remember.  
In the year of Eighteen Hundred Eighty Two,  
This world to him was just so new.  
In the Conestoga Valley as a boy.  
We'd often hear, he did enjoy.  
In the little red schoolhouse he would go,  
To lead a life so he would know,  
To read the books and learn to spell,  
To memorize, and do it well.

So fourteen years of happy days,  
He spent his life in different ways.  
The nineties were no prosperous years,  
They brought depression and many fears.  
So out for a new home they did seek,  
And landed at the Lower Mill Creek.  
In 1902 there was a class of twenty boys and girls,  
That joined the church for precious pearls.  
Four are still living until this day,  
The rest have passed this world away.

In the season of Nineteen Hundred Four,  
He made a step in life once more.  
January the 5th was his wedding day,  
To make a promise that would always stay.  
Fannie Lapp was the bride called by name.  
Sixteen more couples have done the same.  
Now Dad he'd toil in times of season,  
He'd reap his crops within the reason.  
His daily chores he would do.  
Until his life was almost through.

Nine children there were in all,  
But two infants the Lord did call.  
Dad usually looked so bright and fair,  
With rosy cheeks and curly hair.  
You'd very seldom see him weep,  
Though his thoughts were very deep.  
Church rules he tried to obey,  
In his parents faith he did stay.  
Sixty Four years here on earth he did live,  
All his mistakes we should forgive.

He tried his best not to complain,  
Though his heart did give him pain  
Sunday, November, the 24th day  
He passed so suddenly away.  
The sudden shock made it so hard,  
November the 26th we took him to the graveyard.  
In the year Nineteen Hundred Forty Six he died.  
So a daughter and a son were by his side.  
Since our dad in his grave does rest,  
I think his ways were usually best.

Fannie B.

Die Mommie die war ein lieblches kind,  
Komt zu ein hochen alter, jets ist sie worden blind.  
Sie war geborn den zwölften Juni,  
Und glabt an zeigen von dem mond.  
Es war am Achtzehn Hundert Sechs Achtzigsten yahren.  
Von nun an hat sie noch viele sachen kat zu erfahren.

Es ging nicht lang kommt der tod ins haus,  
No trageſt man ihr bruder hinaus.  
No in noch ein yahres zeit,  
War ihr mutter in ewigkeit.

Es ging nicht lang kommt der krankheit wider,  
Und nimt noch zwei von ihr bruder,  
Wo sie achtzehn yahr alt worden ist.  
Bekant sie ihre Herren Jesus Christ.  
Es worden achtzehn selen beisammen,  
Die worden alle auf genommen.  
Der Bishop Henner der war gebraucht,  
Den er het die junge selen getauft.  
Die Mary Fisher lebt noch heit,  
Die andre sin all in ewigkeit.

No hat die Mommie ein ehe auf gericht,  
Und tute die ware mutter pflicht.  
Wie es doch in der schwacheit war,  
Bis in den fünfen achtzigste yah.  
Sie hat bekant auf dieser arden,  
"Es ist nicht shpasz fur alt zu werden."  
Sie war viele yahren aus und ein,  
Fleisig au gehn in der gemein.  
Funfen zwanzig yah im witwe stand,  
Sie wunschet zu ge in ein besser land.

Sie immer war im guter mute,  
And als bekent sie fielet gute.  
Suntag abends sie sprach "Gute bei,"  
Zu warten auf ein Himmel neu;  
Montag abends sie starb aub der welt,  
Hoffen sie ist bei den Engel gestellt.  
Ein missprint in der Diary stick,  
Von die Mommie ein yahr zuruck.  
Der neunt Juni war sie begraben,  
Wir waren fro fur solche Mutter haben.

From the Family

#### BAPTISM LIST

These young people were baptized by Bishop Henry Stoltzfus, at the Joel King home, Sept. 21, 1902.

(1) Levi Z., son of Dea. Sam U. Stoltzfus; (2) Aaron B., son of Mose Stoltzfus; (3) Abe, son of Leffie King; (4) Daniel, son of Bishop Joel King; (5) John D., son of Sim Stoltzfus; (6) Abraham S., son of John King; (7) Isaac, son of David S. Blank; (8) John E., son of Amos M. Stoltzfus; (9) David, son of (Garver) Jacob Stoltzfus; (10) Daniel, son of Simeon Zook; (11) John K., son of Gideon Petersheim; (12) Benjamin Z., son of David Yoder; (13) Callie, daughter of Jacob Augsberger; (14) Rebecca, daughter of Pre. Christ Fisher; (15) Rebecca, daughter of Amos M. Stoltzfus; (16) Sarah, daughter of Bishop Joel King; (17) Annie, daughter of Sim Stoltzfus; (18) Sarah, daughter of John S. Blank; (19) Barbara, daughter of David Zook; (20) Leah, daughter of Christ King.

Followers joined meeting in the name of our Lord, in the year 1902

Christian Lapp; Stephen M. Stoltzfus; Sarah L. Stoltzfus; Emma L. Lapp; baptized by Christian King  
Ministers were: Daniel M. Stoltzfus, Gideon K. Stoltzfus, Christian B. Glick, and John K. Lapp (Dea.)

Sunday, September 18, 1904, 18 young people were baptized by Bishop Henry Stoltzfus, at John Blanks, New Holland R.D. at church meeting, Groffdale and Lower Millcreek Districts.

(1) Michael Stoltzfus, born Oct. 9, 1884, died Feb. 1, 1960, married Fannie Renno; (2) Amos F. Zook, born Jan. 5, 1884, died Feb. 8, 1958, married Barbara Stoltzfus; (3) David Smucker, born Nov. 30, 1884, died Feb. 21, 1958, married Rachel Stoltzfus; (4) Benjamin Blank, born Dec. 22, 1884, died Dec. 27, 1955, married Sarah Esh; (5) John K. King, born Jan. 10, 1885, died July 9, 1965, married Mary Lapp Zook; (6) David P. King, born April 27, 1885, died April 8, 1969, married Sarah King; (7) Daniel E. Stoltzfus, born March 21, 1886, died June 13, 1955, married Sarah Blank; (8) Eli Beiler, born July 23, 1886, died Dec. 11, 1949, married Rachel E. King; (9) Seth King, born Dec. 27, 1886, died Dec. 6, 1937, married Mary Esh; (10) Lizzie Fisher, born Sept. 24, 1885, died Jan. 6, 1920, married John K. Blank; (11) Fannie Lapp, born June 12, 1886, died June 7, 1971, married John E. Stoltzfus; (12) Hannah Blank, born Aug. 22, 1886, died July 2, 1964, married Daniel S. King; (13) Fannie Blank, born Nov. 2, 1884, died March 17, 1911, single, daughter of John S. Blank; (14) Sarah Stoltzfus, born Sept. 7, 1886, died Nov. 7, 1964, married Ezra D. Beiler; (15) Barbara Stoltzfus, born Nov. 16, 1886, died Nov. 22, 1948, married Amos F. Zook (Russel Church); (16) Fannie Fisher, born Dec. 15, 1888, died Sept. 13, 1916, single, daughter of Pre. Christ Fisher; (17) Annie Zook, born Feb. 12, 1887, died Sept. 5, 1936, married Moses B. Lapp; (18) Mary Z. Stoltzfus, born Sept. 21, 1887, married Benjamin B. Fisher.

September 11, 1904, these young people were baptized by Bishop Henry Stoltzfus, at Upper Mill Creek.

(1) Amos B., son of Bishop John Zook, married Katie Zook; (2) Christian, son of John Miller, married Sarah Petersheim; (3) David, son of Dea. Menno Stoltzfus, married Rachel Riehl; (4) David, son of Pre. Joel Zook, married Katie Zook; (5) Aaron F., son of Pre. Christian Stoltzfus, married Lizzie King; (6) Henry, son of Abram Beiler, married Lydia Miller; (7) Amos R., son of John Glick, married Fannie Stoltzfus; (8) Malinda, daughter of Eli Stoltzfus, married John Zook; (9) Emma Stoltzfus, married Joe Stoltzfus; (10) Rachel Stoltzfus; (11) Katie, daughter of Eli Stoltzfus, married Amos Zook; (12) Lydia Beiler, married Daniel Beiler; (13) Lydia, daughter of Sim Zook, married D. M. Stoltzfus.

September 18, 1904, these young people were baptized by Gideon Stoltzfus, Lower Pequea.

(1) Aaron H., son of David Glick; (2) Christian, son of Henry U. Blank; (3) Jonathan, son of Bishop Gideon Stoltzfus; (4) Mose, son of Dea. John Lapp; (5) Henry, son of Stephen M. Stoltzfus; (6) Sarah, daughter of John Esh; (7) Lizzie, daughter of Bally Dave; (8) Katie, daughter of Samuel Kauffman; (9) Mary, daughter of Stephen U. Stoltzfus; (10) Sarah, daughter of Gideon Dienner; (11) Arie, daughter of Menno Zook.

September 25, 1904, these young people were baptized by Henry Stoltzfus, at Conestoga.

(1) Benjamin, son of Bishop Sam M. Stoltzfus; (2) Mose, son of David Yoder; (3) Daniel, son of Dea. Dan M. Stoltzfus; (4) Jonas, son of Dea. Dan M. Stoltzfus; (5) Rebecca, daughter of Bishop Sam M. Stoltzfus; (6) Sarah, daughter of Bishop Sam M. Stoltzfus; (7) Rachel, daughter of Pre. Benuel M. Stoltzfus; (8) Fannie, daughter of Stephen M. Stoltzfus; (9) Katie, daughter of John M. Stoltzfus.

September 28, 1904, these young people were baptized by Bishop David Peachy of Mifflin County, at Middle Pequea.

(1) Stephen, son of Jacob Kauffman; (2) John S., son of Amos Lapp; (3) George, son of Christian Beiler; (4) Benjamin, son of Jacob Kauffman; (5) Daniel, son of Ben S. Beiler; (6) John M., son of Levi Fisher; (7) Jacob L., son of Christian Stoltzfus; (8) Mary, daughter of Benjamin King, married to Joas Yoder; (9) Rebecca, daughter of John C. Beiler, married to Amos F. Zook; (10) Susan, daughter of Benjamin King, married to Jacob Stoltzfus; (11) Mary, daughter of Jacob Esh, married to Seth King; (12) Sue, daughter of Eli Kauffman, married to George Beiler; (13) Annie, daughter of David Diener, married to Emanuel Smucker; (14) Sallie, daughter of Jacob Kauffman, married to Free King

#### MARRIAGES OF 1904 SEASON

(1) Sam Augsburger and Fannie Miller; (2) Joe Beiler (Valley) and Susie, daughter of Henry Zook; (3) Andrew Ebersol and Katie Fisher; (4) Samuel K. Fisher and Fannie Z. Stoltzfus; (5) Mose B. Glick and Rebecca E. Stoltzfus; (6) John R. Glick and Susie Lapp; (7) Abraham King and Rebecca Esh; (8) Christ S. King and Sarah Fisher; (9) Benjamin F. Lapp and Malinda Glick; (10) Christ Lapp and Lovina Miller; (11) Joseph Lapp and Hannah Lapp; (12) Henry Stoltzfus and Rebecca Stoltzfus; (13) John E. Stoltzfus and Fannie B. Lapp; (14) Levi U. Stoltzfus and Katie S. Fisher; (15) Levi Z. Stoltzfus and Sarah B. Fisher; (16) Stephen U. Stoltzfus and Lydia Stoltzfus; (17) John Petersheim and Susie Weinhold.

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#### WORK AND PLAY

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1. Work while you work,  
Play while you play;  
For that is the way  
To be cheerful and gay.
2. All that you do,  
Do with your might;  
Things done by halves  
Are never done right.
3. One thing each time,  
And that done well,  
Is a very good rule,  
As many can tell.
4. Moments are useless  
Trifled away;  
So work while you work,  
And play while you play.

#### To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

by Amos L. Fisher

#### THE RICKENBACH FAMILY

Continued from May issue

The youngest child of John and Ann Rickenbach of Caernarvon Twp. is John, born April 10, 1770, died June 20, 1855, married to Elizabeth Hertzler, born June 6, 1766, died March 6, 1842, who was also a daughter of John and Veronica (Rickenbach) Hertzler. This family lived in Berks Co. and Caernarvon Twp., Lancaster Co., as they sold their farm in Caernarvon Twp. in 1798 to George Lapp of Chester Co., Pa. Their children, born in Berks and Lancaster Cos., are: (1) John Rickenbach, born Feb. 1795, married to Margaret Abling; (2) Fanny, born 1795, married to Jacob Mast, born June 29, 1788, a son of John and Mary (Kurtz) Mast. They moved from the Conestoga Valley in Caernarvon Twp. to Holmes Co., Ohio in 1826, traveling in a dearborn, and a large covered wagon. Their children are: (A) John Mast, married to Sarah Dupold; (B) Sarah Mast, married to Mose Troyer; (C) Emanuel Mast, married to Deliah Critchfield; (D) Elias Mast, married to Hannah Cole; (E) Elizabeth Mast, married to Jacob M. Yoder, a son of Nichalos and Cathrine (Kurtz) Yoder, who was a grandson of Strong Jacob Yoder, also of Caernarvon Twp. (Nichalos Yoder also moved to Ohio) so this accounts for another family who moved out of Lancaster Co. in the early part of the nineteenth century; (F) Jacob Mast, married to Sarah Ann Cole; (3) Cathrine Rickenbach, born 1797, married to John Farney; (4) Sarah Rickenbach, born 1799, married to Thomas Thompson; (5) Elizabeth Rickenbach, born 1801, married to Christian King, buried in the King, or Stoltzfus Cemetery, north of Reading in Berks Co., Pa.; (6) Jonathan Rickenbach, born 1803, married to Mary Philips, his second wife was Anna Kistmar; (7) Anna Rickenbach, born 1805, married to Thomas Smith; (8) Phebe Rickenbach, born 1807, married to Abraham King, they are also buried in the King, or Stoltzfus Cemetery; (9) Benoval Rickenbach, born 1809, died single.

The next on the list of the Rickenbachs is Adam Rickenbach, who was born in Europe in 1725, died 1804 and is buried in the old Flat, or Union Cemetery north of Malvern, at the age of 79 years. He probably came to America with his parents, Henry Rickenbach, in 1740, and lived for awhile in Leacock Township, Lancaster Co., Pa. (Leacock and Upper Leacock were combined at that time.) At this time it is not known who Adam Rickenbach was married to but it appears that after the death of Henry Rickenbach in 1741, the rest of the family moved to Upper Bern Twp., Berks Co. He is listed taxable there till about 1765. It also appears as if Adam Rickenbach and Michael Lapp moved at the same time from Berks County to Chester County, Pa. in about 1766 or 1767, to what is known as the Beautiful Chester Valley which extended from Malvern north to Valley Forge. Adam Rickenbach owned two hundred forty acres of land in Tredyffrin Twp., and Michael Lapp, two hundred acres in the adjoining township of East Whiteland, of the same county. In the Biographical Annals of Chester you will find a paragraph stating that during the

American Revolution, and at the retreating of General Washington's army from the Brandywine, they passed by Adam Rickenbach's farm, where his soldiers were fed.

Adam Rickenbach was also a member of the Amish Society who had purchased land from Ludwick Riehl in 1787, to be put in trust for said society. John, or Hans Zook who later moved to Mifflin County as an Amish minister, seems to have been their leader. Others mentioned were as follows, Michael Lapp Jacob Coffman, Christian Zook, Jacob Zook, Abram Zook, John Coffman, Jacob Kurtz, Adam Rickenbach, and Henry Zook, saying they all being members of the Amish Society.

Adam Rickenbach had fourteen children, several who preceded him in death. The children's names are as follows, and very likely not according to ages. But it appears that (1) Henry Rickenbach was the oldest, then (2) Mary, married to a Snyder; (3) Ann, or Nancy, married to Michael Troyer; (4) Barbara, married to Adam Harner; (5) Fanny, married to John Hertzler; (6) Elizabeth, married to Tobias Shenk; (7) Margaret, married to Andrew Troyer; (8) John; (9) Jacob; (10) Adam Jr.; (11) Cathrine, married to a Graybill; and (12) David, mentioned as the youngest.

Henry Rickenbach, the oldest son of Adam, could have been the same Henry Rickenbach that was married to Anna Garber, born Aug. 30, 1753, died Oct. 15, 1827. He was born July 15, 1752, died Oct. 16, 1827. There are four children listed, namely; John; Elizabeth, married to William Harner; David; and Ann, married to Andrew Harman. It appears that this family was not affiliated with the Amis Church.

The third child of Adam Rickenbach was Ann, or Nancy, married in Berks County, to Michael Troyer, son of Michael Troyer, an immigrant, and his wife, Magdalena Mast, who was a sister to Bishop Jacob Mast of the Conestoga Valley. It appears that Michael and Ann Troyer moved from Berks Co. to Somerset Co., Pa., and had four children, to wit; the oldest was Magdalena Troyer, married to Daniel Miller, who was one of the early settlers of Holmes Co., Ohio, having moved there in 1815, near Baltic, and later to Berlin, from Somerset Co., Pa. He was a grandson of Cripple John Miller, who had been wounded by the Indians at the time of the Hostetler massacre. Daniel and Magdalena (Troyer) Miller had a family of eight or ten children, to mention a few are (A) Tobias Miller, born 1801, lived in Holmes Co., Ohio; (B) Susanna Miller, married to Christian Bontrager, born 1813, died 1891, near Topeka, Indiana, where they have a large offspring; (C) Moses Miller, married first to Sarah Troyer, second to Barbara Haage, whose father was a noted minister in the Amish Church from the old country; (D) Aaron Miller, born 1810, died from gunshot wounds, being a deafmute; (E) Joseph Miller, born 1813, died 1840, married to Elizabeth Summers, who died leaving three children in Holmes Co., Ohio; (F) Rebecca Miller, married to Jacob Hostetler, they raised a family in LaGrange and Elkhart Cos., Ind.; (G) Benjamin Miller, married to Susan Yoder, he was killed by a falling tree, they had three children, his widow then remarried, to Christian Hershberger, being his third wife; (H) the youngest child of Daniel and

Magdalena Miller was Eva, born 1819, and died young, being feeble-minded.

The second child of Michael and Ann (Rickenbach) Troyer was Ann, married to Ulrich Summers, an immigrant from Europe, and lived in Brothers Valley Twp. in Somerset Co., Pa., where they raised five children, being mostly affiliated with the Mennonite Church.

The third child of Michael and Ann Troyer was John, married to Magdalena Miller, born 1781. They were among the four Amish families to join Jonas Stutzman at Walnut Creek, Ohio. John was likely the first adult to die of that locality, in about 1813. They had six children, to wit: (A) Samuel Troyer, born 1803, married Magdalena Hochstetler of Johnstown, Pa., second time to Ester Stutzman, and third time to Sarah Schrock, widow of Abraham Yoder. The intermarried names of this family are such as Hershberger, Miller, Schrock, Bontrager, Christner, Yoder, Zook, Hostetler, King, Hartzler, Kauffman, and many others, from which there were ministers and bishops in the Amish and Mennonite Churches of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, and Iowa. Another child of John and Magdalena (Miller) Troyer was (B) Mary Troyer, married to Levi Miller, son of Broad Run John Miller and his wife, Cathrine Yoder, who lived in Tuscarwas Co., Ohio. This John Miller was a brother to Minister Christian, or better known as Schmit Miller. Levi Miller was an Amish Bishop of Holmes Co., Ohio. Another child of John and Magdalena was (C) Michael Troyer, married to Barbara Miller, a granddaughter of Pre. Christian Schmit Miller; (D) John Troyer, married to a Miller, and died as a young man in Sugarcreek, Ohio; (E) Sarah, married to Isaac Smucker, a son of Christian Smucker, who moved from Lancaster Co., Pa., to Wayne Co., Ohio, in about 1819; (F) Abraham Troyer, married to Susanna Mast, he was accidentally killed at a raising in Holmes Co., Ohio in 1838. They had four children, with descendants living in Holmes and Logan Cos., Ohio, LaGrange Co., Indiana, and Wellman, Iowa.

The fourth child of Michael and Ann (Rickenbach) Troyer was Abraham Troyer, married to Susanna Plank, and also lived in Holmes Co., Ohio. To mention one of their children, was Michael, married in Holmes Co., Ohio, and died when his children were rather young, one of which was Jacob Troyer, who was sent to his relatives in Lancaster Co., Pa., to be raised, and later married Magdalena Zook, a Daughter of Henry Zook of Binkley's Bridge, or now better known as Zook's Corner, they resided at Bird-in-Hand, Pa.

Another child of Adam Rickenbach was Margert, or sometimes called Magdalena, married to Andrew Troyer, born 1773, also a son of Michael Troyer of Berks Co., Pa. They also moved to Somerset Co., Pa., later to Holmes Co., Ohio, and had four children, namely (1) Elizabeth, married to Christian Stutzman. To mention a few of their children, was Susan, married to John J. Christner, as his second wife, of La Grange Co., Indiana, whose daughter, Anna Christner, married to Isaac Schrock, who were the grandparents of Fannie Mae Schrock, wife of Menno J. Lambright of Topeka, Indiana. Another descendant is the Levi Christner family of Wolcottville, Indiana.

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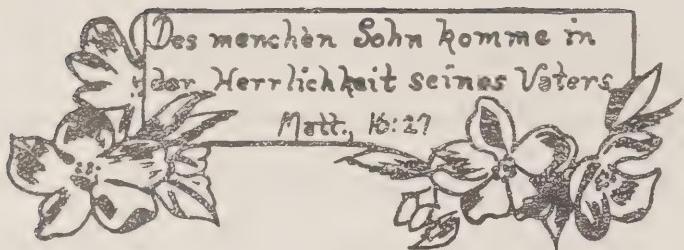
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der und brenken walytu wofan gennab  
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zü ymmirens lafan vellab nach ur beföllan  
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 im alten und im neuen Lied, und din mäd-  
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Und so din mädung nift vnfalten  
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 und man fündigt vzwun Gott. Und  
 man fürt sif un ifran anwünningan  
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REGINA, THE GERMAN CAPTIVE;  
or,  
TRUE PIETY AMONG THE LOWLY.

By Rev. R. Weiser

Continued from last month  
Chapter VIII. — The Home of a Desolate Widow—  
Her thoughts—Her Hopes.

We stated that the neighbors in the "Valley of Blood"—as we shall call the place where John Hartman and George were butchered by the Indians—were very kind, and built her a house, and did every thing they could to make her comfortable. But, alas! she was sad and sorrowful. Although she had one source of comfort that many have not,—that was true religion,—yet there was a settled gloom upon her mind, occasioned by the absence of her daughter Regina;—for the body of her murdered daughter Barbara was found. And when she heard of it she prevailed on a party of her neighbors to go with her; and they found that some hunters, who had seen it, dug a hole and put the body of Barbara into it. She found the grave on the banks of the stream, where it is still pointed out as the "German Captive's Grave," under a large oak, through whose dense foliage the winds still sigh her requiem. She wanted to take the body home with her; but her neighbors dissuaded her from it. So she agreed to leave it rest there in peace until the morning of the resurrection. The fate of this poor girl was something like that of Miss McCrea, of which you may have read in our Revolutionary history. Mrs. Hartman, however, had the grave opened, and there she saw her dear Barbara with her cleft head! Oh, how her heart was moved! She was so overpowered that she nearly fainted, and it was some time before she recovered; and, when she did recover from her swoon, her daughter was again buried from her sight, and in sadness and sorrow she returned to her dreary home. She often was heard to say, "If I only was certain of the fate of Regina I could be happy once more; "but," she declared, "I never can have peace of mind until I know what has become of her." She often wanted to employ men to go among the Indians in New York and Canada and try to find out what had become of her. Her friends and neighbors would comfort her—some one way, some another.

One woman told her, one day, that she had no doubt Regina would be returned to her yet. "God grant it!" exclaimed the mother. "If I could but once see my long-lost daughter I would say, like good old Simeon, 'Now, Lord, let thy servant depart in peace.'" There seemed to be but one thought in her mind, and that was her poor lost child. She never forgot her in her prayers. She spoke of her when

awake and dreamed of her by night; and even the very recollection of her dreams, in which she had seen her beloved daughter, was delicious.

She did every thing that could be done to hear of her daughter. She often performed long journeys, on foot, to places where she had heard of children that had been restored. She sometimes went to Philadelphia, to see the governor and the army officers about her daughter; but no light was shed upon her child.

One day, a kind friend made it his business to cross the Blue Mountains, to inform her that he had heard of a girl who was taken from the Indians; and, from the description, he had no doubt it was her daughter. "Yes, yes; it is my daughter!" Next day she started off, bright and early, and walked that day as far as Reading. Next morning she started for the place called Maxitany, to the house of old Colonel Levan, where the girl was; but, alas! when she came there she was disappointed,—it was not her daughter! So she had again to return without her.

She was very kindly treated by Colonel Levan and his family, and formed a strong attachment to his daughter Esther, who was then about sixteen years old, and reminded her of her own dear Regina. This same Esther Levan, a few years afterward, was married to Benjamin, youngest son of Conrad Weiser, and became a neighbor to Mrs. Hartman. She lived in Womelsdorf, Berks county, where she died, in 1820, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. From her many of the facts in this book were gathered by her grandson, the author.

Little Christian was now the only comfort of his bereaved mother. He was now a stout lad of some fourteen years, and was a great help to his mother. She taught him to read, and taught him religion. He was a fine boy;—did every thing he could to please his poor mother. In worldly things they got on right well; the widow and her son had enough to eat and wear. But Regina "was not," and that thought continually marred her peace. She often sang her favorite hymn:—

"Alone, and yet not all alone, am I  
In this lone wilderness,"

She often thought that the Lord had laid heavy afflictions upon her. Still, she thought it was all right. "I deserve it all for my sins. But God will, at last, deliver me from all these afflictions; and, perhaps, I shall then see that such a severe discipline was the only thing that could bring me to heaven." If she could have understood the English language, she might have given full utterance to her burdened heart in the beautiful hymn written about that time by Charles Wesley, whose muse was fired by the flames that burn on the alter above:—

"And let this feeble body fall  
And let it faint or die;  
My soul shall quit this mournful vale  
And soar to worlds on high—  
Shall join the disembodied saints,  
And find its long-sought rest,  
That only bliss, for which it pants,  
In the Redeemer's breast!

"In hope of that immortal crown,  
I now the crown sustain,  
And gladly wander up and down,  
And smile at toil and pain:  
I suffer on my threescore years  
Till my Deliv'rer come,  
And wipe away his servant's tears  
And take his exile home.

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"Oh, what are all my suff'rings here,  
If, Lord, thou count me meet  
With that enraptur'd host t'appear,  
And worship at his feet!  
Give joy or grief, give ease or pain,  
Take life or friends away,  
But let me find them all again  
In that eternal day!"

These were the sentiments of Mrs. Hartman. She longed for that better world, where she might see her blessed Savior and her dear lost ones. But still she believed her Regina was not dead, and that she would yet see her before she died; but how this would come to pass she did not know. She used to say, "God, in his own good time, would bring it to pass." Spring came, with its joys and its revived hopes; summer, with its hot suns, came; the golden autumn again returned, and another cold winter was at the widow's door; but no tidings of Regina came. When the lone widow sat by her cheerful fire, and heard the rude blasts of the pitiless storm, she thought of her absent daughter, and thought that perhaps she was exposed to its merciless peltings. Oh, then her heart would sink within her and the tears would start from her eyes! She could hardly wait till the return of spring, she was so intent upon carrying out the plans she had formed to find her daughter. Sometimes she reproached herself for not having been more active in hunting her up;—perhaps if she had gone to Fort Pitt she might have heard something of her. She made up her mind, if spared till spring, she would leave no stone unturned until she would find out what had become of her daughter.

Early in the spring of 1763, she made up her mind to go to Pittsburg, or, as it was then called, Fort Pitt. She made herself acquainted with the road, and was informed by Conrad Weiser that, if she would go to a little village in the great valley called Falling Spring, or Chambers's Mill, (now Chambersburg,) she could there get an opportunity to go to Fort Pitt with the packers;—that is, men who carried iron, salt, powder, and other things, out to Fort Pitt on pack-horses. She took a horse, and—with her son Christian, who took a good rifle—she started for the Falling Springs. She reached that point—crossing the river at Harris's Ferry, passing through Carlisle—in four days. She remained with Mr. Benjamin Chambers, whose house was always open for strangers, until she had an opportunity of joining a company of packers, which was offered in a few days. She laid in a stock of bread, and flour, and salt; for their meat they depended upon the trusty rifle. They passed through Raystown, now

Bedford, Pennsylvania, and by Fort Legonier, and, without any thing more than a very tiresome journey, they reached Fort Pitt—then a garrison of the English government, and a few trading-houses and two small taverns—in thirteen days.

In one of the taverns there was an ostler, who was a German, and could speak some English. This man was of great service to Mrs. Hartman. He acted as her interpreter with the landlord, and with Colonel Boquet, the commander of the fort, and other officers.

Her story soon became known, and her heroic conduct was much admired and applauded by the whole garrison. It showed a strength of love and determination of purpose not often exhibited. All felt an interest in her godlike mission; but no clue could be given to her daughter. Still, her visit was not in vain, for it had a powerful effect in arousing the determination of the officers and soldiers in compelling the Indians to give up the many innocent children they had carried off. The brave and heroic conduct of this devoted mother, who had crossed the Alleghany Mountains at the risk of being made a captive herself by the savages that were still prowling about in the mountains and valleys of Western Pennsylvania, kindled anew the desire to rid the world of such monsters. All the officers promised to keep a look-out for Regina;—the very name interested them—a queen's. "We will certainly inquire the name of every captive girl we take from the Indians, and write you a letter and send it to Colonel Conrad Weiser, as soon as we find your daughter." This was indeed highly encouraging. Now she had some hope. She was not sorry she had made this long journey. She could now restcontented even if she would never find her daughter. She had now done her duty.

She waited until a company of packers again returned, and then retraced her steps. Sometimes she would walk a few miles; and then her son—of course they had to camp out; they had a thick, heavy, hempen cloth, and blankets along—would cut four sticks, with prongs at the end; these they would stick in the ground, and fasten the cloth to them, and let large flaps of cloth hang down at the four sides. Into this little room they would creep, and many a sweet and refreshing sleep they had. The widow always said her prayers, even when she camped out in the wilderness. Under the protection of the Almighty she felt herself safe.

On one occasion, while they were encamped near a place called the "Shades of Death," near the place where the road crossed the Juniata river, they were alarmed by a party of Indians; but the sentinels saw them and gave the signal. In a moment the packers were ready for action, and the cowardly savages skulked off, to attack some lone cabin, or perhaps some unprotected women and children. Thus Providence brought this lonely widow in safety and peace to her home again.

She now contented herself, and made up her mind patiently to await the further developments of Providence in reference to her lost daughter. And, as nothing remarkable occurred until the mysterious plans

of God's government were matured fully in reference to Regina, we will leave Mrs. Hartman in her quiet home until her presence is required in another quarter.

#### CHAPTER IX.

**Regina—Her Presentiments of Deliverance—The Indian War—The Triumphs of the English Arms—The Battles—The Capitulation—A large number of White Captive Children delivered to Colonel Boquet—Regina among the number.**

Nine long and dreary years had rolled by, and poor Regina was still a captive among the rude and savage Indians, and, so far as she could see, she must remain during her lifetime. She was now nineteen years old,—a fine-looking woman; but, as her complexion was much tanned by the sun and weather, and her once fair and glossy hair had become darker and much coarser, and as her bright, large, blue eyes did not become a dark skin, she was not as pretty as she had been nine years before. The Indians did not consider her beautiful, because she had not black hair and eyes. She had now forgotten how to speak any other than the Maquan Indian language. The tribe among whom she was were called Maquasas. Still, she remembered her mother. She had forgotten how she looked, but remembered her kindness and the sound instruction she had received from her. She often tried to recall to her mind the image of her mother, but she could not; it had been obliterated from the tablets of memory. She often asked herself the question, "If I were to meet my mother, would I know her? Oh, yes; though I have forgotten how she looked,—and perhaps she has changed as much as I,—yet, if I would hear that sweet, melodious voice that once thrilled my youthful heart, I would surely know her."

When we say that Regina had forgotten the German language, we only mean that she could not have carried on a conversation in it; but she could have understood it, and still could repeat her hymns and prayers in that language.

Little Susan was now twelve years old; and, as she had black hair and black eyes, and had become very dark in her complexion, she looked very much like an Indian girl. She was much attached to Regina, and Susan was the only person Regina could love.

No wonder they loved each other. For nine long and dreary years they had been companions in sorrow and affliction. Their hearts had become knit together, so that the very thoughts of a separation were painful. The only few moments of joy they had experienced in their long captivity were from each other. The range of their thoughts was very limited. The little knowledge of God which Regina had acquired she freely taught Susan. But her mind did not expand. She had grown up to be a woman; but the powers of her intellect did not keep pace with those of her body. The Indians are, as is well known, very ignorant; that is, they have no abstract ideas—no knowledge of literature nor of history. They have no books—no written language; hence, no records of the past. And even if one generation were to learn any thing of importance, or make any valuable discoveries, the

succeeding generations could not profit by them. Hence, most of the Indians so not know their ownage. Yet they have good minds; and, as their attention is not taken up with books, they are very much thrown upon their own resources. They are generally very close observers of nature. It is wonderful how sharp their senses and all their powers of observation become. They watch the changes of the seasons with great care and minuteness. They never plant their corn, nor any thing that is liable to be injured by frosts, until the new white-oak-leaves are as large as a squirrel's foot. They never start on a journey in cloudy weather until they can see as much blue sky in the east as will make a shot-pouch. When the ground-hog seeks his winter-quarters the Indian does not venture from home; nor will he leave home when the maple-leaves turn up their white sides. They never lose themselves in the forest; it is said they always know every point of the compass, even in cloudy weather or in the darkest night. The following anecdote, which I have seen somewhere, may serve to give you a fair specimen of the close observing powers of the Indian:—

One day, an old Indian was out hunting, and shot a fine, large, fat buck. He was too large to carry home, so he took the skin off, and, Indian fashion, bent down a sapling, and, having fastened his buck to the sapling, let it go. The buck was thus raised about seven feet from the ground. Next day, he came with one of his sons to carry the buck home; but great was his disappointment when he found his buck was gone. The old man examined matters very closely, and finally made up his mind who it was that had stolen his buck. He told his son, simply, that a white man had done it. So he went in pursuit of the thief. After some time he met a white hunter. He went up to him and addressed him thus:—

"Did you see a little, old, white man with a short gun, and a little dog with a short tail?"

"Yes," says the hunter, "I did; and what of it?"

"Why," says the Indian, "he stole my buck."

"Well," says the hunter, "that may be, for he had the hind-quarter of a very fat buck on his shoulders. But, now, old fellow, I want you to tell me how you found out all these things about the man who stole your buck?"

"Why," says the Indian, "when I came to the tree I saw that my buck was stolen. I knew the wolves could not get at him. I knew an Indian did not take him, because the Indian is tall and could have reached him from the ground; whereas the man who took it was so small that he had to make a little stone pile to reach up. I knew he had a short gun, because I saw where his gun stood against a tree; I could see the print of the breech in the sand on the ground and the mark which the muzzle left on the bark. I knew he had a little dog, for I saw the prints of his feet; and I knew the dog had a short tail, for I saw the print of the stump in the sand. I knew he was an old man, from the shortness of his steps; and I knew he was a white man, from the fact that in walking his toes were turned outward, and the Indian's feet are

always straightforward."

This was pretty close reasoning,—equal to the finest specimen of the inductive philosophy of Lord Bacon.

Regina had exercised her powers of observation to a considerable extent; but she still hoped something would turn up to restore her to her friends. The Indian women and girls tried to persuade her to marry an Indian; but she would not hear to such a thing—all Indians were odious in her sight. And, although some of the young braves tried to insinuate themselves into her good graces, she would have nothing to do with those monsters in human shape. She could not forget the terrible scenes of her father's massacre, and the cleft head of her sister continually seemed to gape upon her. How could she ever have any respect—much less any affection—for the cruel murderers of her dearest friends? One young brave was determined to win her. He bribed the old squaw, with a gallon of rum and some brass trinkets, to assist him. He even went out on a murdering excursion, and brought no less than seven scalps, (some of them women and children,) and laid them at Regina's feet! But this horrid brutality only increased her abhorrence. She repulsed all such overtures. And yet she was afraid that, according to the Indian fashion, her cruel old mistress might give her away in marriage to some young Indian. But the old hag could not spare her; for she was now very helpless, and Regina had to support her. God, in his merciful providence, averted so great a calamity, and Regina, with all the hardships and wrongs she had to endure, was never compelled to marry an Indian. For this she had great reason to thank God, and did thank him.

The Indians and the French were still at war with England. In 1755, four warlike expeditions were projected by the English against the French and Indians:—one against Nova Scotia; one against the French and Indians on the Ohio,—the object of this one was to take Fort DuQuesne, (now Pittsburg;) a third was to take Crown Point, and the fourth was directed against Niagara. General Braddock commanded the one against Fort Pitt or DuQuesne, and suffered a most disastrous defeat. But the other three were partially successful. The French and Indians were routed in almost every engagement. At length the French had to give up. By the Peace of Paris, made between England and France, in 1763, all the Canadas, Nova Scotia, and the island of Cape Breton, were confirmed to Great Britain.

The Indians were now in a bad way. Their French allies left them to their fate. They had now the whole power of Great Britain and her colonies to encounter; and they had sense enough to know that if all the Indians, together with the French, could not withstand the soldiers of England and America, they would stand but a poor chance. They were completely subdued, and agreed to any terms of peace.

Colonel Boquet dictated the terms of peace with the Indians; and one of the conditions was "that all white children who had been taken captive by the Indians must be given up to the English Government."

This the Indians at once agreed to. But how was this to be done? Colonel Boquet was an excellent officer and a humane and benevolent gentleman. He appointed a company of tried veterans, and sent them into all the Indian settlements, to see that this part of the terms of peace was complied with to the very letter. He had a great many applications from parents for their lost children, and, among the rest, one for Regina from her mother. He was, therefore, deeply interested in this work of mercy. The Indians soon found out that there was now a force sufficiently powerful to crush them, and they willingly gave up all their captives who wanted to leave them. Strange to say, some would not leave them,—they had become so attached to Indian life that they preferred their captivity to freedom.

At length, they (the soldiers of Colonel Boquet) had finished their work, and more than one hundred poor children—from five to twenty years old—were delivered into his hands. When they were brought into his camp his noble heart was deeply affected. Many of these poor children had lost their parents, and they were nearly naked. Colonel Boquet was moved with compassion, and shed tears over the sad and painful spectacle. The brave soldiers under him shared in his noble sympathies, and joined him in giving their blankets, and handkerchiefs, and shirts, and every thing they could spare to cover the naked children. They were kindly treated by the whole army.

But the next question that presented itself to the good colonel was, What is to be done with these children? He consulted with his officers; and it was determined that they should be sent to Fort Pitt in the government baggage-wagons, attended by a strong escort, and that he himself would accompany them. He had them carefully brought to Fort Pitt, and well taken care of.

This was in September, 1765. He ordered the facts to be published throughout the colonies,—that a large number of children, given up by the Indians, were now at Fort Pitt, and requested their friends and parents to come and get their long-lost children. A great many from the western counties came; some found their children and some did not. But, alas! many poor little children had no parents or friends to claim them. At that time there was no orphan-home near Pittsburg as there is now. Just think how happy these little orphans would have been in such a home, where they could have received a good Christian education, and thus become useful members of society. God bless the orphan-home!

If you could have been in Pittsburg on the 13th day of September, 1765, and have stood at the lower end of Penn Street, where the old fort stood,—called by the French Fort DuQuesne, (pronounced DuKane,) and by the English (in honor of William Pitt) Fort Pitt,—you might have seen a touching and deeply-affecting sight. The children were all brought out on the parade-ground; and, having been placed front-face in a long row, so that they could be seen, and the anxious parents passing up and down looking out for

their dear ones; and then, when the eyes of some fond mother would light upon her long-lost child, to see her spring forward and to hear the scream of delight, and then to see that mother falling into a swoon of joy. Then, too, you might see the tears of sympathy starting from the eyes of the brave and noble officers, and see the rough, hardened, and weather-beaten soldier wiping the tears from his cheeks! Such scenes were witnessed day after day until upward of fifty children had been found by their parents. But there were still fifty or more children who had not been claimed. What was to be done with them? Colonel Boquet was not the man to leave a godlike work half-done. He was determined that if these poor children had parents or friends, those parents and friends should have an opportunity of finding their children. He was himself a parent, and could, therefore, enter into a parent's feelings. He determined to take the children to Carlisle, Pennsylvania.

On the 21st of September, 1765, he had them again put into the government wagons, and, taking with him plenty of provisions and clothing and a strong escort, he started on his second mission of mercy. In thirteen days he reached Carlisle. This shows how slowly and tenderly he traveled with his precious freight. This was a work of such importance, and he was so deeply interested in the welfare of these children, that he could not give the work over into the hands of his officers, but must see it done himself. Noble fellow! And did not many a mother bless him to her latest breath?

When he arrived at Carlisle a deep interest was awakened in that little village in behalf of these children. Everybody went out to the garrison to see them and to pity the poor things. Colonel Boquet had a notice published in all the papers then issued in Eastern Pennsylvania, that so many children had been taken from the Indians, and that all parents who had lost their children during the last fifteen years should come to Carlisle and see whether their lost ones were among them.

In Carlisle Regina found persons who could speak German, and she began to think she could not be far from her mother; but, alas! poor thing, she could not tell any person in German where her mother lived. She recollects that they lived among the mountains,—and the mountain back of Carlisle seemed familiar to her; and when she was asked in German where she had lived, she pointed toward the mountain,—for she still understood the German, though she could not speak it.

She was much interested in the new objects she saw; for there was more finery and fashion then in Carlisle than in Fort Pitt. She had pretty good clothes, too, and plenty to eat—bread and meat and milk. In those days very little coffee and tea were used.

One of the corporals could speak the Indian language, and he acted as interpreter between the children and Colonel Boquet and those who came to hunt up their lost children. One day, a gentleman came to look for a daughter who had been lost fifteen years; and he thought, as Regina was one of the oldest, that

perhaps she was his daughter. But on a closer examination he found that he was mistaken—as his daughter had black eyes and Regina's were blue. She informed the interpreter, on this occasion, as well as she could, how she had fallen into the hands of the Indians, and that she had only her mother and one brother left, but did not recollect where she had lived, or what her mother's or father's name had been, only that her father's name was John. She also told him her Indian name, which was Sawquehanna; and her former name, which she said was Regina, which, however, she did not pronounce correctly as we pronounce it in English. She pronounced it Raghend, half German and half Indian. The interpreter asked if this was the name by which her mother used to call her. She said it was. This fact was communicated to Colonel Boquet, who made an entry of it in his book, for he looked upon this as a clue to her parentage. For one of the first questions the parents generally asked was, What are the names of the children? But some were so young that they did not know their own names. They all had Indian names, which they recollect.

Poor Regina asked the interpreter whether she would ever see her mother again? and how long it would be? and a hundred other questions, which he, of course, could not answer. She now, as she saw one child after another claimed and carried away by fond parents, began to feel more and more anxious to see her mother. When the women came to the garrison to look for their children she always looked for her mother. She was not sure that she would know her.

Regina now felt more lost than ever. She had no home—not even the ruse hut of her old and ill-natured Indian mistress. It is true, Susan was her constant companion; but Regina thought that perhaps the parents of Susan would come and claim her, and they would be separated—perhaps forever. The very thought of being separated from Susan was painful. And when she, one day, mentioned her fears to Susan, the little girl wept and clung closely to her and said,—“No, no; you must not leave me. I will go with you and stay where you stay. We will eat hominy together, and sleep together, and sing and pray together.”

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**Chapter X — The Mother—Home of the Lonely Widow in the Mountains—The strong and undying Affection of a fond Mother—Her Thoughts of the Loved, the Lost, the Absent, and the Dead.**

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Church. In Volume I of the Strassburger and Hinke German Pioneer Ship Lists, we find Henry Stally (Henry Stehley) on a February 1738 list, which we believe was a carryover from an October 8, 1737 true list. That he did not qualify until February of the next year may have been due to sickness or other circumstances, and we believe he belonged to our Group A. He also settled in the beautiful Irish Creek Valley.

by Joseph F. Beiler

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The heavy line from No. 9 to Centerport is Irish Creek.

Shiplist A

October 8, 1737 Charming Nancy

Hans Jacob Kauffman	1
Hans Gérber	2
Hans Garber Jr.	3
Hans Lichtl	4
Jacob Schantz	5
Abraham Miller	6
Christian Miller	7
Benedict Lemay	8
Jacob Bellier	9
Jacob Maas†	10
Hans Timmerman (Zimmerman)	11
Ulrich Spilger	12
Christian Herrberger	13
Christian Burk	14
Glaus Erbe	15
Hans Erbe	16
Hans Wenger	18
Geo Wagener	19
Henry Stehley	20

Women and Children

Barbara Kauftmann  
Frena Souder  
Hans Leman  
Barbara Miller  
Ferona Lehman  
Barbara Leman  
Benedict Leman  
Cattina Leman  
Barbara Timmermann  
Anna Timmermann  
Ferona Biler  
Barbara Biler  
Anna Beiler  
Christopher Biler  
Marie Biler  
Elizabeth Beiler  
Barbara Macht  
Cattina Lichti  
Marie Spilgher  
Barbara Hershberger  
Anna Hershberger  
Peter Hershberger  
Cattina Erb  
Cattina Erb  
Anna Erb  
Jacob Erb  
Christian Erb  
Christophel Erb



## OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

### Shiplists

We notice that many of our senior Family History writers have relied heavily on compiled ship lists to trace back their ancestry. As early as 1860 our great great grandfather, David Beiler, has referred to Rupp's thirty thousand Swiss German immigrant lists, and in his time this was the only source of information they had, to their knowledge, except handed down family records, which were few and scattered. As time went on, many other Family History books were written, where the writer also depended upon shiplists to head their family line. Without question, these shiplists are an invaluable masterpiece to use as a guide, for without these, in many cases, we would be in complete darkness as to when our ancestors came to America. Many Americans do not have this privilege since it was because our forefathers were German or Swiss-German that they had to sign an oath of allegiance to the English Government upon arrival at port. This caused an uproar, and made quite an issue for these defenceless Christians, at the time of the Revolutionary War. At this time they were called upon to support the army because they had signed this oath. In British faith they would actually take no sides to war whatever, but they were looked down upon by the Americans, and were often called "Torries." We note that in the 1779 tax lists they were branded as torries, and it is known that a group of them were cast into prison for this cause. On the other hand, it is known that some of the weaker ones of our group did not stand this test at the time of the Revolution. Perhaps we could list a whole page of names of our boys that joined the army. It is known that some men were drilled and some farmers signed up to grow produce for the army. It is believed that a few of these

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boys and men were killed in the army. In our studies we find that a decline of the church during the time of the Indian massacres is hardly noticeable, but a sharp decline is evident after the Revolution.

As useful as these shiplists may be, we notice that some of our former family compilers have erred seriously by depending on them alone. It is not our intent to use them to say who was the first one to come to America, or who was last. By the same token, we do not claim to list them all, and perhaps our lists give a few names who have never joined our ranks, but we want to list those we feel most sure of, in comparison with other records we have. For instance, the names of Frey, Miller, Kauffman, Fisher, Roth, Schmidt, Sharp, Bender, Swartz, Sommer, Klein, Wagoner, and Ebersol, we are sure are Amish names, and they existed in the Northkill community. But these names appear so numerous in our ship lists, and we do not have the knowledge to single them out.

Traditionally it has been said that our forefathers were driven out of their country. It is true that many were driven out of Switzerland, the biggest drive on record was in 1671, or about one hundred and fifty years before our forefathers came to America. It is doubtful that more than a minority were driven to America, although it is known that some of our fathers had to leave their country. It is surprising to learn how many, or that by far the most, of these immigrants came in well-planned, well-organized groups. For this reason we are showing the five largest groups who settled in the Northkill. The first body is the largest of the five, and we are surprised how they settled together and stayed together for awhile. We will say again, that we believe this group had an ordained leader, we have some good prospects, but we do not want to release any names this month. Let's take a look at Group A. These are, without question, the initial body of the Northkill, and to our surprise, they probably nearly all settled in the Irish Creek Valley (see map, page 139).

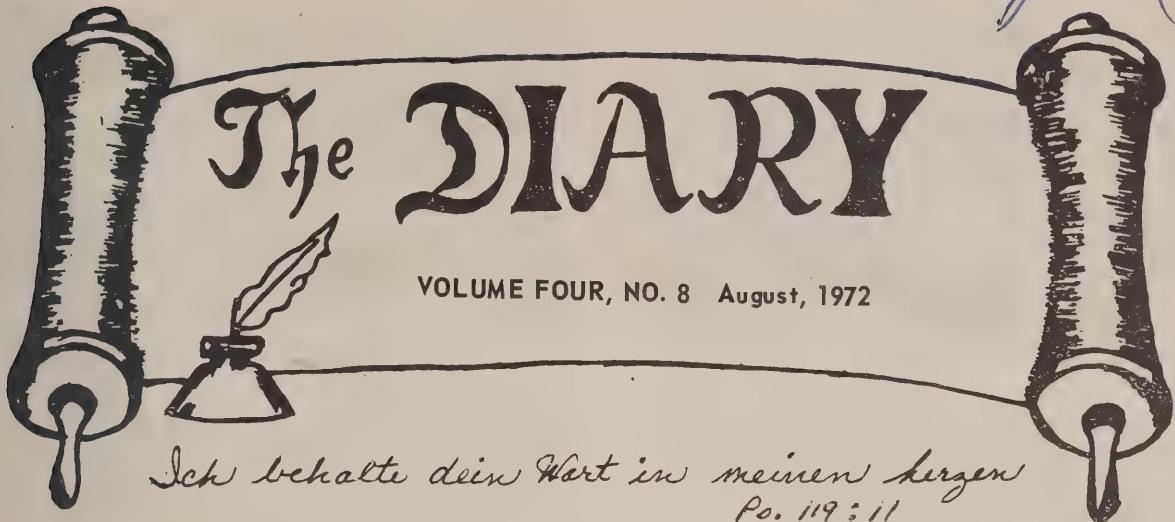
Our great great grandfather, David Beiler, writes that our forefathers came to this country poor. We believe this is true. Some have been more fortunate than others, but we find only a few of the Group A to purchase land grants the first year, and some of these were made jointly. That Jacob Beiler purchased a land grant on December 31, 1737, proves contrary to some statements that the Beilers lived in the Oley Valley at first. We cannot find any trace at any time of a Beiler living in the Oley Valley. We believe that most of our forefathers had to work their way for a few years before they could acquire land grants. Of this group it is known that Jacob Mast, Christian Miller, Christian Hershberger, Christian Berkey, and Jacob Beiler settled in the Irish Creek vicinity. The Gerbers were of the first to settle in what is now Cumru Twp., Berks County. This is perhaps the Christian Kurtz that settled at the foot of the Blue Mountains, by the Northkill Creek, in 1749. The Lehmans settled near Hamburg. A count of the total gives us almost fifty souls that abode in the Northkill

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*Ich behalte dein Wort in meinen herzen  
Ps. 119:11*

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## IOWA WOMAN KILLED IN CAR ACCIDENT IN CANADA

Lydia, 40, daughter of Joe and Mary (Yoder) Ropp was killed in a car accident in Alberta, Canada on July 15th, while she, her parents, and Esther Mast, with Noah A. Yoders as drivers, were on a tour thru the Northwestern States and Canada. Most of the others in the car were also hurt quite seriously. She was an obedient girl and well liked by all.

(see obituary)

## STROKE SUFFERED IN IND. FATAL TO MO. MAN

William J. Yutzy, 66, of Jamesport, Missouri, and his wife, Fannie, were at Nappanee, Indiana, visiting their son, Eli and family, where he suffered a stroke, August 14, which left him speechless and his right side paralyzed. He was taken to Bremen Hospital right away, where he recovered well enough that he was released August 17, and brought to their son Eli's home. By August 23 he was feeling pretty good and could talk quite plain again, but that evening he had another stroke and died very shortly afterwards.

(see obituary)

## CONEWANGO VALLEY ACCIDENT

Noah L. Shetler, of Conewango Valley, New York, had an accident the past week, when his horse shied from an English person riding a horse, upsetting his buggy and injuring him so that he received eleven stitches about his face, and an overnight stay in the hospital.

## COMMUNITY NOTE – Path Valley, Pa.

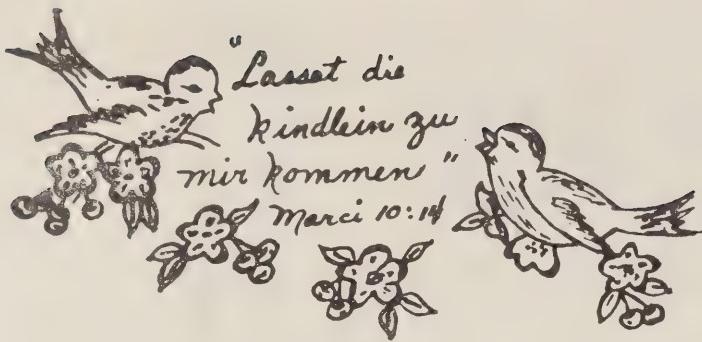
Samuel D. Beiler lost consciousness for a few minutes when hit with a bat while playing ball at school. He had a small cut and was bruised some just below the left eye. He was soon going again.

## FIRE DESTROYS BARN BUILT IN 1792

On Monday afternoon, August 21, fire of unknown origin destroyed a barn originally built in 1792, on the farm of Gideon B. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa., tenanted by his son-in-law, Noah Lapp. A neighbor driving past the farm noticed the smoke and told the family. Noah thought he could extinguish the fire but it quickly spread into the rafters. Farm equipment, hay and straw were destroyed but the cow stable and milk house were saved. Neighbors began cleaning up the next day, and by Tuesday evening Noah was able to use the cow stable again. A week later friends and neighbors gathered, and in a few days the barn was built again. The family wishes to thank all those who donated time and brought food since the fire.

## LAGRANGE CO., INDIANA FIRE

An electrical storm which hit hard in the southwest part of the county monday afternoon, resulted in approximately \$35,000 damage when lightning ignited a large barn filled with hay and equipment. The barn and all its contents were destroyed. Firemen from Topeka and LaGrange were called to the Ora L. Miller farm Monday P.m. after a neighbor reported seeing the barn catch fire. A large crowd of onlookers gathered to watch, as firemen sprayed adjoining buildings with water, trying to cool them down and prevent the fire from spreading. The flames had engulfed the barn by the time firemen arrived, and continued to burn out of control while firemen sought to contain the flames to one area. Topeka firemen remained on the scene until 10 p.m. The fireman had prepared to leave about 7 p.m., but the wind began to pick up and blow smoldering embers toward the house. Storm warnings for the area caused them to remain on the scene.



## BIRTHS

## Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

- BLANK, Benuel S. (Annie M. Esh) Narvon R.2  
a son STEPHEN E., August 14
- BLANK, Daniel (Sarah B. Stoltzfus) Narvon R2  
a daughter MARY, July 13
- ESH, Christian G. (Malinda K. Esh) Gordonville R1  
a daughter NAOMI G., August 31
- ESH, Elmer L. (Anna Smucker) Gordonville R1  
a son DAVID RAY, August 21
- ESH, Jonathan S. (Malinda Lapp) Ronks R1  
a son AMOS L., August 30
- FISHER, Daniel E. (Katie Fisher) Strasburg R1  
a son DAVID LEE, August 4
- FISHER, John B. (Sadie King) Kinzers R1  
a daughter RUTH ANN, August 10
- GLICK, Jonas S. (Lydia Kauffman) Bird-in-Hand R1  
a son LEVI, August 3
- GLICK, Levi E. (Susie Speicher) 2061 Jarvis Rd., Lanc.  
a STILLBORN SON, August 18
- GLICK, Moses (Emma G. Zook) Willow Street R1  
a daughter RACHEL, August 12
- KING, Amos K. (Malinda E. King) Bird-in-Hand R1  
a son JOHN, August 1
- KING, Daniel F. (Rebecca Blank) Narvon R2  
a daughter, August 9
- KING, Emanuel S. (Malinda S. Fisher) Gordonville R1  
a son ELAM, August 30
- KING, Jonathan (Katie Stoltzfus) Ronks R1  
a son REUBEN, August 28
- KING, Levi (Sylvia Lapp) Lititz R3  
a daughter RACHEL, August 23
- KINSINGER, Levi A. (Arie Swarey) Kirkwood R1  
a son ISRAEL S., August 20
- LANTZ, Aaron B. (Lizzie S. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1  
a daughter RACHEL S., August 8
- LANTZ, Levi J. (Sadie King) Gordonville R1  
a daughter LINDA, August 28
- LAPP, Joseph L. (Katie Glick) Paradise R1  
a daughter Elizabeth G., August 3
- MILLER, Henry (Lydia Glick) 2614 Creek Hill Rd.  
Lancaster, a daughter SADIE G., August 20
- PETERSHEIM, Daniel B. (Barbara Stoltzfus) Christians  
R1, a son JOHN, August 17
- PETERSHEIM, Elam R. (Annie L. King) Gordonville R1  
a daughter ANNIE L., August 24
- SMUCKER, Daniel B. (Mary S. Fisher) Gordonville R1  
a son BENUEL F., August 24

- STOLTZFUS, Amos K. (Sadie Fisher) Gordonville R1  
a son AMOS K. JR., July 27
- STOLTZFUS, Amos M. (Katie Smucker) Ronks R1  
a son CALVIN JAY, August 9
- STOLTZFUS, Benjamin (Christieanne Diener) Kinzers  
R1, a son August 19
- STOLTZFUS, Benuel S. (Lydia R. Petersheim) Bird-in-  
Hand R1, a son BENUEL S. JR., August 7
- STOLTZFUS, Daniel U. (Rebecca Glick) Honey Brook  
R1, a son CHRISTIAN, August 25
- YODER, Gideon (Aary Beiler) Gap R1  
a son STEVIE, August 20

## Dover, Delaware

- BEACHY, Joe (Verna Yoder) Dover R2  
a daughter FREDA, August 9
- DETWEILER, Raymond (Elise Beachy) Dover R3  
a son, August 31
- MAST, Enos (Lydia Miller) Dover R5  
a daughter EDNA, August 26
- MILLER, Alvin (Barbara Sue Byler) Dover R2  
a son JONATHAN, August 15
- MILLER, Henry (Malinda Mast) Dover R2  
a son WILLARD DEAN, August 29
- MILLER, Yost (Neoma Yoder) Dover R2  
a son MERLIN DANIEL, August 14
- TROYER, Henry (Mary Byler) Hartly R1  
a daughter SALOMA, August 31

## Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

- FISHER, Elam S. (Lydia King) Myerstown R2  
a daughter KATIE, April 25
- SMOKER, Benuel B. (Naomi Peachey) Myerstown R3  
a son ANDY, August 15

## Path Valley, Pennsylvania

- BEILER, Enos (Sarah Stoltzfus)  
a son ABRAM, August 21

## Juniata County, Pennsylvania

- PETERSHEIM, Jonas T. (Susie Yoder) Mifflintown R2  
a daughter SARA MAE, August 28

## Somerset County, Pennsylvania

- BENDER, Enos M. (Olive Brenneman) Springs  
a son MAHLON EZRA, August 7
- PEACHEY, Alvin I. (Susie Schrock) Springs  
a son EDWIN ARTHUR, August 18

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Mifflin County, Pennsylvania  
**KANAGY**, Steven (Lizzie Yoder) Belleville  
 a son JOSHUA, August 11  
**PEACHEY**, Pre. Crist (Rebecca Wengerd) Belleville  
 a daughter SUSIE, August 13  
**PEACHEY**, Henry (Leah Peachey) Belleville  
 a daughter LINDA, August 28  
**SWAREY**, Isaac (Lavina Kanagy) Belleville  
 a daughter LAVINA, August 5  
**SWAREY**, Jacob (Katie Zook) Belleville  
 a son DAVID, August 9  
 Holmes County, Ohio  
**COBLENTZ**, Eli J. (Lydia Miller) Millersburg R5  
 a son MARVIN, July 20  
**ERB**, Dea. Mose A. (Edna Miller)  
 a son DANIEL  
**FEHR**, Cornelius (Edna Troyer)  
 a son JONATHAN  
**HERSHBERGER**, Mose E. (Mary Miller)  
 a son EDWARD  
**MILLER**, Pre. Jacob S. (Esther Yoder) Millersburg R5  
 a daughter MARY, July 25  
**MILLER**, Pete M. (Katie Coblenz) Millersburg R5  
 a daughter MARY, August 1  
**RABER**, John J. (Ruth Hostetler) Millersburg Star Rt.  
 a daughter BETTY SUE, June 27  
**YODER**, Min. John B. (Barbara Kurtz)  
 a daughter MARY  
**YODER**, Mike E. (Mary Bontrager) Millersburg R5  
 a daughter CRISTENA, August 1  
 Ashland County, Ohio  
**SCHROCK**, Andrew J. (Mattie J. Hershberger) Shiloh  
 a daughter SARAH, August 19  
 Adams County, Indiana  
**CHRISTNER**, Ervin C. (Elizabeth Girod) Geneva R1  
 a son ERVIN, August 8  
**EICHER**, Paul V. (Margaret Schwartz) Geneva R1  
 a son BENJAMIN, August 26  
**GIROD**, Samuel E. (Salome Schwartz) Berne R1  
 a daughter MARTHA, August 18  
**NEUENSCHWANDER**, Chrisx J. (Anna Schwartz) Berne  
 R1, a daughter BARBARA, August 22  
**SCHWARTZ**, Carl N. (Emma Wickey) Monroe R1  
 a daughter JANICE, August 8  
**SCHWARTZ**, Dan H. (Lucinda Wickey) Monroe R1  
 a son AUGUST, August 11  
**SCHWARTZ**, John K. (Anna A. Hilty) Monroe R1  
 a daughter LEONA, August 26  
**SCHWARTZ**, Levi D.J. (Anna R. Schwartz) Berne R2  
 a son JAKE, August 14  
**SCHWARTZ**, Menno M. (Rosie Schwartz) Monroe R1  
 a daughter MARY, August  
**SCHWARTZ**, Raymond B. (Maggie K. Hilty) Berne R1  
 a daughter KATIE, August 20  
**WICKY**, Martin (Emma N. Schwartz) Monroe R1  
 a daughter MATTIE, August 8  
 Jamesport, Missouri  
**MAST**, Freeman A. (Sarah Hostetler)  
 a stillborn son PERRY, August 7  
**MILLER**, Levi A. (Katie Eash)  
 a daughter MARTHA, August 26

St. Mary's County, Maryland  
**BEILER**, Benjamin (Hannah Swarey) Charlotte Hall  
 a son SAMUEL, August 7  
**SWAREY**, Benjamin (Katie Stoltzfus) Charlotte Hall  
 a daughter SARAH, August 8  
 LaGrange County, Indiana  
**EASH**, William (Amelia Yoder) LaGrange R4  
 a daughter LAVERDA, July 29  
**FRY**, Jacob (Pollyanna Miller) Topeka  
 a daughter MARY RUTH, August 18  
**HERSCHBERGER**, Daniel (LeAnna Schlabach) Topeka  
 R1, a daughter LISA, July 25  
**HOCHSTEDLER**, Abie J. (Mary A. Bontrager) Middle-  
 bury R1, a daughter NAOMI A., August 8  
**LAMBRIGHT**, Chris (Fanny Bontrager) Topeka R2  
 a son CHRISTY M. JR., August 23  
**LEHMAN**, Manas (Wilma Bontrager) Ligonier R3  
 a son GERALD RAY, August 15  
**MILLER**, Alvin (Lydia Yoder) Topeka R2  
 a daughter RUBY EILENE, July 25  
**MILLER**, Levi (Sadie Mullet) Topeka R2  
 a son WILBUR, August 7  
**MILLER**, Melvin (Lydia Troyer) Shipshewana R2  
 a daughter LINDA KAYE, August 3  
**MULLET**, Enos (LeAnna Schrock) Shipshewana R2  
 a daughter TREVA E., August 25  
**TROYER**, Orla J. (Barbara Bender) Shipshewana R1  
 a son DANIEL RAY, August 9  
**YODER**, Dan (Mary Mast) LaGrange R4  
 a daughter JOANNA KAY, August 19  
**YODER**, Joseph (Sue Ellen Glick) LaGrange R1  
 a son JOSEPH DEVAN JR., July 30  
**YODER**, Martin R. (Lizzie Miller) LaGrange R1  
 a daughter CHRISTENA, August 12  
 Arthur, Illinois  
**HERSCHBERGER**, Oba (Lorene Bontrager)  
 a son DWAUNE, August 14  
**HOSTETLER**, Ervin (Elizabeth Hostetler)  
 a son RAYMOND, August 12  
**SCHROCK**, Edward (Rosa Kemp)  
 a son, August 21  
**STUTZMAN**, John (Martha Yoder)  
 a daughter ROSEANNA KAY, August 6  
 Buchanan County, Iowa  
**BONTRAGER**, Emanuel (Sarah Kurtz) Hazleton  
 a son DANIEL, July 15  
**DETWEILER**, Allen (Mattie Raber) Hazleton  
 a son HENRY, July 14  
**GINGERICICH**, Uriel (Mattie Bontrager) Hazleton  
 a daughter ADA, August 5  
 Johnson County, Iowa  
**BONTRAGER**, Vernon (Alta Hershberger)  
 a son ELI, August 12  
**BONTRAGER**, Wallace (Edna Miller)  
 a son ROLAND DALE, August 13  
**MAST**, Daniel (Verna Mast)  
 a daughter WILMA ARLINE, July 15

# Der Herr ist mein Hirte,

Ps 23:1

## OBITUARIES

**EECHY**, Anna W., 73, of Topeka R2, Indiana died Tuesday evening, August 22, at her home following an illness of several days. She was born in Nappanee November 21, 1898, the daughter of William and Barbara (Burkholder) Yoder. She was married in LaGrange County February 20, 1919, to Daniel A. Beechy, who survives. Also surviving are four sons, William of LaGrange, Alvin of Welcottonville, Aaron of Topeka, and Daniel at home; three daughters, Lydia Ann Beechy at home, Mrs. Ure (Katie) Graber of Ashland, Ohio, and Mrs. Roman (Emma) Yoder of Greenwich, Ohio; 48 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; four sisters, one half-sister and one half-brother.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Sam Miller; Burial was in Miller Cemetery.

**FISHER**, Stillborn Son of Benuel Fisher, Lebanon Co. The stillborn son of Benuel S. and Mary (Kauffman) Fisher of Lebanon Co., Pa., was buried July 11 in Lapp Cemetery. Grandparents are Amos S. and Lydia (Stoltzfus) Fisher and Samuel and Eva (Stoltzfus) Kauffman.

**GLICK**, Stillborn Son of Levi Glick, Lancaster, Pa. A son of Levi E. and Susie (Speicher) Glick, Jarvis Road, Lancaster, Pa., was stillborn Monday, Aug. 21, at Osteopathic Hospital. In addition to the parents he is survived by a sister and two brothers, Katie, Melvin and Levi Jr., and the grandparents, Amos U. and Anna Glick, and Jacob and Katie Speicher.

**MILLER**, Mose N., 83, of Fredericksburg R1, Ohio died August 10 at the Wooster Hospital after a long illness. (He was better known as "Geauga Mose" since he moved from Geauga Co. to Holmes Co., O. after he married his second wife.) He was born Nov. 8, 1888, married to Sarah J. Mast Nov. 21, 1907, she died Dec. 16, 1918. To them were born two sons and three daughters. He married second to Barbara Schlabach March 9, 1920, she died March 9, 1965. To them were born ten children. Surviving are eight sons and seven daughters, Jacob and Mose Miller and Mrs. Neal J. Miller of Fredericksburg; John of Dalton; Sam Miller, Mrs. Abe Schlabach and Alma Miller of Holmesville; Eli of Winesburg; Pete of Millersburg; Andy and Vernon of the home; Mrs. John M. Miller and Mrs. Andrew Schlabach of Middlefield; Mrs. J. B. Miller of Sarasota, Fla.; and Mrs. Christ Mast of Kalona, Iowa; a sister, Mrs. Ammon Fisher of Middlefield, two half-sisters, two half-brothers, a step-sister, 86 grandchildren, and 94 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the home, in the barn by Pre. Levi D. Miller, Bishop Simon Yoder of Ky., and Bishop John Frey; in the house by Bishop Jacob Gingerich of Geauga Co., and Pre. Perry Stutzman; burial was in Locust Hill Cemetery, Salt Creek Township.

**NEUENSCHWANDER**, Lovina E., Adams Co., Ind.

Lovina E., 13 day old daughter of Peter L. and Naomi (Eicher) Neuenschwander, Geneva R2, Indiana, died at home at 5 a.m. August 11. She was ill since her birth on July 29. Surviving are the parents, two brothers and one sister, Jonas, Joseph and Elizabeth, all at home. Burial was in the Bunker Hill Cemetery; services by Joseph L. Eicher.

**ROPP**, Lydia, 40, of Johnson County, Iowa

was killed in a car accident in Alberta, Canada, July 15 (see front page). Surviving are the parents, Joe and Mary (Yoder) Ropp, four sisters, Mrs. Lester (Rachel) Hochstedler of Paraguay, Mrs. Chester H. (Mary) Miller, Clara and Vesta at home; 2 brothers, Elmer of Kalona, and Emery of Seymour, Mo., besides many relatives and friends.

Funeral services were held at her former home, where Chester H. Millers now reside, by Morris Miller and Bishop Henry B. Miller in the house, and in the barn by Phillip Yoder of Fairbank, Iowa, and Bishop Enos Swartzentruber.

**SMOKER**, Infant Son of Jacob Smoker, Lebanon Co., Pa.

John, infant son of Jacob B. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Smoker of Lebanon County, Pa., born and died June 22, having lived 6 hours. A sister Ruth survives. Grandparents are John I. and Salome (Beiler) Smoker, and Jacob B. and Salome (Zook) Stoltzfus. Burial was in Lapp Cemetery. Brief services at the home conducted by David J. Peachey and Amos Z. Esh.

**YUTZY**, William J., 66, of Jamesport, Missouri

was born February 26, 1906, died August 23, 1972, while visiting in Nappanee, Indiana (see front page). He leaves his wife Fannie, four sons, Eli of Nappanee, Ind., Fred and Jonas of Jamesport, and John at home; two daughters, Mrs. Ben (Katie) Weaver of Guthrie, Ky., and Mrs. Elmer (Mary) Beechy of Jamesport.

Funeral services were held at the Menno Yoder home by ministers Ferman Troyer, Willis Yoder of Nappanee, Ind. and Bishop Dan Stutzman in the big house, and Bishops Dave Shrock of Haven, Kansas, Simon Hostetler of Milroy, Ind. and Tobias Detweiler of the home community in the small house.

**COMMUNITY NOTE** – Adams County, Indiana

Willie, 16 year old son of Mrs. Lovina Shetler, Monroe R1, Ind. 46772, was helping unload hay at his Uncle Joe Hiltiy's on August 10. He was standing on the loaded wagon, when some bales were being pulled up. He had his back turned when the bundle of bales started swinging, pushing him to the cement barn floor. He broke both arms above the wrists, and had severe head bruises. He is up and around again, but can't do much of anything.

**COMMUNITY NOTE** – Holmes County, Ohio

Eli A. Yoder, 16, of Holmesville, is still in the hospital, but gaining slowly (see July issue, p. 128).

Mrs. Alvin B. Beachy is recovering nicely from recent surgery, otherwise health is good.

**BAPTISMS****Dover, Delaware**

East District, August 6

Ezra, son of Bish. John J. and Lovina Yoder

Henry, son of Eli H. and Katie Mast

Bertha, dau. of Pre. Elmer J. and Mary Yoder

Sarah, dau. of Lewis and Anna Swartzentruber

Southwest District, August 6

Sarah, dau. of Pre. Andy H. and Sarah Mast

Lena, dau. of Wm. E. and Laura Mae Miller

Rhoda, dau. of John E. and Rhoda Miller

Lizzie Ann, dau. of Andy J.D. and Lydia Miller

Mary Ann, dau. of Freeman J. and Anna Mary Coblenz

South District, August 13

David, son of Henry J. and Elsie Yoder

Sam, son of Adam E. and Lizzie Miller

John Ray, son of Henry J. and Anna Detweiler

Barbara, dau. of Crist J. and Lydia Byler

Cora Malinda, dau. of Henry J. and Lydia Byler

Rachel, dau. of Dan E. and Lydia Yoder

North District, August 13

Simon, son of Benedict D. and Sovilla Miller

Paul, son of Benedict D. and Sovilla Miller

Jacob, son of Henry Y. and Miriam Mast

**Juniata County, Pennsylvania**

by Bishop Tobias Petersheim and

Deacon Christ K. Swarey, August 27

Abe E. Weaver, Abner L. Petersheim

Christ S. Yoder, Daniel Wengerd

Emanuel Troyer, Abe A. Weaver

Leroy S. Yoder Jr.

Verna E. Troyer, Mary A. Weaver

Lydia Yoder, Elsie Peachey

Lena Yoder, and Emma Wengerd

**Ashland, Ohio**

North and Southeast Districts

August 22, by Emanuel E. Shrock

Melvin, son of Menno J. Troyers

John, son of Eli W. Weavers

David, son of Paul E. Shrocks

William, son of Simon G. Brennemans

Saloma, dau. of Samuel E. Millers

Middle District

August 29, by Albert J. Keim

Joe, son of Albert J. Keim

Mattie, dau. of Abe J. Troyers

Elsie, dau. of Alvin I. Masts

Judy, dau. of Henry M. Coblenz

West District

September 3, by Albert J. Keim

Aden, son of Jonas Keims

Daniel, son of Ura Garbers

Barbara, dau. of John Slabauch

**Arthur, Illinois**

August 20 at the home of Noah J. Yoder

in David J. Beachey District

Ruthann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Otto

Barbarann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Schrock

**MARRIAGES****LaGrange County, Indiana**

Graber, Miller – Ernest, son of Henry and Emma (Miller) Graber, and Wilma, daughter of Urias and Beulah (Miller) Miller, by Bishop Joni B. Miller, on August 17

Yoder, Miller – Larry E. Yoder of Bremen, Ind., and Anna Mae, daughter of Dan B. and Wilma (Wingard) Miller, August 31

**Adams County, Indiana**

Schwartz, Miller – Andy H., son of Pre. and Mrs. Henry H. Schwartz, Geneva R2, and Ida Mae, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Miller, of Nappanee R.R., Aug. 3

Schwartz, Schwartz – Sam H., son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. Schwartz, Geneva R2, and Viola, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Amos Schwartz, Grabill R.R., Aug. 13

**Johnson County, Iowa**

Miller, Gingerich – Ephraim, son of Henry M. and Amy (Otto) Miller, and Verba, daughter of Herman and Malinda (Yoder) Gingerich, by Bishop Glen Bender, August 24

Hershberger, Chupp – Jacob, son of Mark and Mary (Mast) Hershberger, and Esther, daughter of John and Mary Ann (Yoder) Chupp, are announced to be married in Mayes Co., Okla. in the near future.

Bontrager, Yoder – John Bontrager (widower) of Mt. Elgin, Ontario, and Widow Mattie Yoder, by Bish. Enos Yoder of Mt. Elgin, July 23

**Jamesport, Missouri**

Kauffman, Bontrager – Neal, son of Lewis Kauffmans, and Wilma, daughter of Joe Bontragers, Aug. 10

**MIGRATIONS**

Levi S. Miller and family moved from Conewango Valley, New York to LeRaysville, Pa. on August 30.

Mary Kurtz and Esther Troyer moved from Madison County, Ohio to Jamesport, Missouri, August 30. Mary to the home of her sister, the Henry Hostetler family, and Esther to join her sisters, Sarah and Mary at the Menno Yoder home.

**CORRECTION – BAPTISM LIST**, July issue, page 129, Sept. 21, 1902, No. 18 should be Sarah, daughter of David S. Blank, married Dan E. Stoltzfus.

## 1972 August

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### CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

The Bareville area had one inch of rain in August and the later part of the month is dry.

The Pinetown Bridge was moved back to be erected again but is not expected to be finished until fall. It was washed down the Conestoga Creek on the Butter Road from the flood. It weighed around 45 tons.

Market Report: Choice Fat Cattle, \$38.25 Cwt.; Choice Feeder Steers, 400 lb., sold 50.00 Cwt.; Choice Veal, 64.50 Cwt.; Fat Hogs, \$30 to 31.50 Cwt.; 40 lb. Feeder Pigs, .63; Dairy Cows at New Holland sold \$420 to \$720; Large Eggs, .42 Doz.; Potatoes, 2.50 to 3.00 Cwt.; Ear Corn, \$34 to \$46 Ton, 1.50 Bu.; Wheat, 1.60 Bu.; Barley, 1.00 Bu.; Oats, .85 Bu.; Hay, \$30 to \$61 Ton; Straw, \$28 to \$36 Ton.

by Ammon F. Fisher

August was on the dry side, total rainfall was one inch, three different showers. August 10 and 11 were cooler, with 44 degrees in the morning of the 11th, felt like fall's right around the corner. Very warm days through August, in high nineties, but nice cool nights. Saturday evening, Aug. 26th, we had  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch rain  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile west they didn't have any, and  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile northeast they had  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch. Some places they had 2 inches or more. Showers were very spotty, and soon used up, as ground is dry.

by Elam S. Beiler

Third cutting alfalfa hay making started latter part of month. It is rather short due to dry weather. Some farmers are cutting new grass fields (old wheat fields) already, which is making a good crop. Has been good hay weather all through August. Silo filling is starting, mostly short season corn that they are just putting in to feed until regular corn is ready. Seems like silage corn is replacing wheat fields and silos are replacing straw stacks in this area. Corn looks fairly good considering dry weather. Have not seen any blight this year. Tobacco cutting is in full swing. It is short this year and seems to handle light, and is not all topped yet. About 30% of it is cut now.

Dover, Delaware, by Neil Hershberger

Temperature was moderate to cool, some very cool nights, very little rainfall totaling less than 2 inches, this coming in light showers in forepart of month, with a good soaker on August 13 varying from  $\frac{1}{4}$  in. over north part of settlement to 3 in. over south end of settlement. Thrashing was finished forepart of August. Second crop clover and third crop alfalfa was heavy, and most put in in good condition.

Lebanon County, Pa., by Levi S. King

August was mostly on the dry side with some scattered thunder showers the latter part of the month. A little over three inches of rain was recorded at the writer's place. Hay seems to be scarce and high priced as not much good hay was made during June. Corn crop looks good except in low places and where grass and weeds were not kept under control. Some tobacco was cut the latter part of the month. Prices for farm products are mostly high except eggs, which are just about break-even price. Farm land is also high in price, and practically no large farms were bought by the Amish people in this county for the last ten years, except between the Amish themselves.

Adams County, Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

The men of our community have been very busy this summer. They built two new schoolhouses, in hopes that more of the children can walk to school. We plan to sell the old schoolhouse. Our new ones are now ready to have school start September 5th. We want to thank the men from Lancaster County who were here to help us.

Weather for August varied somewhat as far as moisture is concerned. We had more than four inches rain at our place. Gettysburg had 2.01 inches. Our feed salesman said they only had  $\frac{1}{2}$  inch during Aug. We had only two days of 90 degree weather with the highest reading at 94, and one morning with the low reading of 47 degrees. Farmers had good weather to thrash their oats. It averaged from 50 to 60 bushels per acre and made lots of straw. A lot of hay was made during August and farmers still have some hay to make. Peaches were very nice and sold from \$2 to \$5 per bushel. Ramboe apples, \$2.00 to 3.50 per Bu.

Franklin County, Pa., by Jacob E. Flaud

The month of August had very little rainfall, crops are suffering from dry weather. The soil is hard from the heavy rains we had early in summer. Some plowing is done for alfalfa and barley, but is almost impossible to plow until we get more rainfall. Corn is about ready for silo. Second crop alfalfa was very good, third crop will be short.

Path Valley, Pa., by Daniel Z. Beiler

August continued dry, with about  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. total rainfall, a few warm humid spells with light thunder-showers. Second and third cutting hay is a short crop, and goes in in very good condition. Corn varies from good to very poor, the average being rather poor now, rain would still help, I think. A few farmers started fall plowing, but not much done yet due to dry weather. Good alfalfa and clover is scarce. Brome and timothy barley plentiful, selling at \$30 a ton.

Crawford County, Pa., by Menno E. Fisher

Real nice weather, with about four inches of rain. Oats thrashing is in full swing, being extra late this year due to wet weather in spring. Still some second crop hay to be made. Corn looks very favorable, unless we get early frost.

**Juniata County, Pa., by David Y. Renno**

The weather during August was hot and dry, less than two inches of rainfall in the whole month, only a very few thunder showers were had, and they only rained in very narrow streaks. Temperature soared into the upper 90s many days, no cool spell all month. Oats yields were fair to good with lots of straw and was put in without any rain. A good crop of second crop clover hay is being put in without rain. Farmers are waiting on rain to plow their fall seeding ground. Pastures are brown, and many cornfields look poor. The summer of 1972 is a summer of both floods and drouth in four months time.

**Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus**

August came in nice and warm and was that way most of the month. We had showers on the 6th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, and the 27th, 2.5 inches rain for the month. It is getting somewhat dry again, and corn is ripening fast. We had very nice weather to thresh oats, which was a fair crop, with lots of straw. Also some second cutting hay made during the month. We had a lot of foggy mornings during August.

**Snyder County, Pa., by Sam R. Troyer**

August was dry, but had at least five showers, four of them were from .2 to .3 inch, one on the 7th was  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch. On the 5th the temperature was down to 48 in the high places and on the 9th it was 46. One day we had 96 in the shade. Late corn is hurting but early corn is about made.

**Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine Swarey**

August was a warm month with cool nights, in the 40s some mornings, from 1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches of rain. Rainfall varies in this valley because of the mountains. Threshing is done, oats was good, making a lot of straw. Katy-dids were first heard August 11.

Amish schools opened on August 28

**Somerset County, Pa., by Abe S. Kinsinger**

Nice fall weather with enough rainfall to keep the corn moving, which will take a lot of ripening yet. Oats is yielding fair, second cutting hay is being cut. Rainfall for the month averaged between 3 and 4 in.

by Mary A. Kinsinger

Weather was on an average warm and scattered showers. We had seven inches of rain in August, some places had more and others less. We had some humid days and some cool ones too. Gardens are rather slow with still not many tomatoes. Sweet corn is good some places, other places not so good. Field corn is very spotty, some fields look quite poor, and others are fairly nice. The cellars aren't being filled so fast and so abundantly as some years. Peaches were also QUITE high priced.

**Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener**

From 1st to 12th, nice summer weather, 12th to 21st, very warm, temperature in upper 90s. Had about four inches rainfall during August. Corn and beans made a good growth. Some fields look very productive, a good crop of corn and an abundant crop of weeds.

**St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus**

Only  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches of rain in August, on the 3rd, 17th, and 28th. A lot of nice hay was put in. Temperatures were over 100 the 25th and 26th. Mostly, August was very nice and pleasant, one week felt like fall. Corn is turning fast, some fields show blight. Silo filling has started.

**Conewango Valley, New York,**

by Mrs. Menno E. Miller

September came in warm and muggy. Crops are late here this year due to the very wet weather we had this summer. But then on the average, crops were good except hay is rather a short crop. Oats yield is less per acre than most years. Peaches are high in price and are scarce. Garden things are not very plentiful either this year, but I think there is enough to reach around.

**Southeastern Holmes Co., Ohio, by John L. Yoder**

August was like the other months, ahead for rainfall, more than normal, but no floods. Pastures are still nice and green. Oats is all thrashed and was a good crop. Second crop hay is being made when the weather permits. Some hay is made from fields where wheat was harvested, as clover made unusual growth this summer. Corn looks good but might be late if growing weather remains.

**Holmes County, Ohio, by Mrs. Perry A. Stutzman**

Rainfall in August, higher than average, with over three inches in a week's time. Still some oats to thrash and second cutting hay to put in. Good growing weather all summer, had to watch our chance to get in between showers.

**Ashland County, Ohio, by Mary Brenneman**

The rainfall in this area varied from 6 to 7 inches. Corn is very good, but late, some blight is showing, a lot of it will not make it if we get an early frost. Pasture is very good, better than normally. Oats averaged from 70 to 90 bushels per acre, there is still some to be thrashed. Tomatoes are plentiful, but late. Sweet corn was also a good crop. No peaches through here except what few are shipped in, those being very high priced.

**Steuben County, Indiana, by Mrs. Noah Eicher**

August had no real hot days, mostly cool and cloudy. Thrashing is all done, 80 bu. to the acre was highest in our ring, mostly was fair. Not much rain. September so far has cool fall mornings. Sweet corn is a good crop. Field corn looks good.

**Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder**

From 4 to 5 inches rain fell in July, about 3 in. through August. We had some very warm days through the middle of August, 100 degrees in the shade for several days, and not much air. Oats yielded exceptionally well for this area, several farmers reported over 100 bushels per acre. Silo filling has started.

## CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS, Continued

## Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hiltz

August was a dry month. The month ended with only 1.04 inches of rain, which makes it the third driest August in the 63 years of weather history in Berne. Figures for the month are: High, 92 on the 18th; low, 44 on the 10th; average temperature, 71.9; rainfall, 1.04, and took 11 days of "slightly rainy" weather for this meager amount to fall. There were 13 clear days, 11 partly cloudy, 7 cloudy, and four thunderstorms occurred.

## Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

So far we had an ideal summer, plenty rainfall. Thrashing was mostly finished by August 15. Oats a fair yield, and good quality, from 40 to 60 bushels to the acre. Combining was much delayed on account of rains, fields were soft and grain fields began to get very weedy. Corn very promising and making the ears at present.

## Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

We've had abundant rainfall all summer, up to 2 weeks ago, but nothing is suffering yet. We had very warm weather for nine days, from the 13th to the 22nd.

## VISITING MINISTERS

Franklin County, Pa. — August 13, Pre. Ben Stoltzfus, Dan Diener, Sam Kauffman. August 27, Pre. Amos Beiler, Amos Smucker, Christ Hostetler, John Swarey, Sam Kauffman.

Ashland, Ohio — August 27 in Northeast District, Min. and Mrs. Jacob Stoltzfus, and Min. and Mrs. Elam Beiler of Brush Valley, Pennsylvania.

Snyder Co., Pa. — Friday, the 4th, we had church for Chris M. Bontrager, Welton, Wis., D. L. Nissly of LeRaysville was along. Wednesday, the 16th, we had church for David L. Smoker and Amos Z. Esh from Lebanon County, Pennsylvania.

Arthur, Illinois — Deacon and Mrs. Levi Yoder from Kalona, Iowa, at church at Lester Jess, Aug. 13, in Wm. Mast District. Min. and Mrs. Willis N. Herschberger from Kalona, Iowa, at church at Andy Yoders, Aug. 27, in Andy Kaufman District. Min. and Mrs. Lester Coblenz from Kalona, Iowa, in church at Jacob Chupps, Aug. 27, in Cris Otto North District. Min. and Mrs. Cris Kaufman, Milton, Iowa, at church at Mrs. Edna Miller, Aug. 27, in Edward Nisley District.

Ashley, Indiana — August 13, Truman Yoder of Berne, Ind., in church at Josiah Eichers. August 17, Bishop Christ Bontrager of Wilton, Wisconsin, in church at Josiah Eichers. August 27, Jacob Wickey Sr. and Pre. Jacob Wickey Jr. of Berne, Ind., in church at Sam E. Schwartz. August 31, Bishop Christ Bontrager Jr. of Cashton, Wisconsin, Fred Yoder and Bishop John Schmucker of Medford, Wisconsin, Pre. Pete and Pre. Moses Schwartz of Snyder County, Pa., in church at Sam E. Schwartz.

# The Hour Glass

## To Recall a Few Memories of the Past

by Amos L. Fisher

## THE RICKENBACH FAMILY

Continued from last month

Another child of Andrew and Margaret (Rickenbach) Troyer was John Troyer, married to Elizabeth Yoder. It is not known at this writing how much of a family they had, but to mention one is Noah Troyer, born Jan. 10, 1831 in Holmes Co., Ohio. There he lived with his parents seven years when they moved to Knox Co., Ohio, near Martinsburg. Here they resided nine years, and moved to Champaign County, Ohio. When Noah Troyer grew to manhood he went back to Holmes County, and married Fannie Mast in 1857. In 1862 Noah Troyer and wife Fannie moved to LaGrange Co., Indiana. After one year they moved to St. Joseph Co., Michigan. Here they resided four and one half years, and moved back to LaGrange Co., till 1875, then they sold out and moved to Johnson Co., Iowa. According to writings of Noah Troyer, he was never a healthy man, as he was subject to severe headaches, which sometimes would bring him into an unconscious state. As years went on, and always being worse in late afternoon and toward evening, he at last started to preach very powerful and spiritual sermons, as long as three hours at one time. It came to the point that hundreds of people would come together to hear him preach, even high officials from the city, and news reporters. He was better known "als der schlaf prediger," or, "the sleeping preacher." He died March 2, 1886.

Another child of Andrew and Margaret (Rickenbach) Troyer was Lydia, married to Jeremiah Miller, a grandson of Christian (Schmit) Miller, and was a minister in Holmes County, Ohio.

Another child of Andrew and Margaret Troyer was Mary, married to Samuel Mast, born 1812, died 1883. She died in 1836, leaving one child, Samuel, who was later married to Cathrine Yoder, a daughter of Nichalos Yoder who had moved out of Lancaster Co. to Holmes Co., Ohio. Samuel Mast Sr. remarried after the death of his first wife, to Elizabeth Hogy, who was of an Amish family. Six or eight children were born to his second marriage, living in Holmes, Wayne, and adjoining.

The other three sons of Adam Rickenbach were Jacob, Adam Jr. and David. Jacob died in Tredyffrin Twp. 1843, without any heirs. Adam Jr. died single in the 1830s sometime. David, the youngest of the family, was born 1772 or 1773, died 1848, at the age of 76 years. He was married to Elizabeth Young, daughter of Peter Young. To them were born six children. To mention one was Dr. Jacob Rickenbach,

who was a farmer, and also studied medicine, and, in turn, worked for an old doctor in Tredyffrin Twp., Chester Co., Pa., by the name of Dr. Latta. After Dr. Latta's death, Dr. Jacob Rickenbach continued in Dr. Latta's profession, and practiced medicine till he died in 1900, at the age of 86 years.

Adam Rickenbach also had a son John, whose wife's name was Ann, and lived, and had the farm in Salisbury Twp. in vicinity of Byerstown, either the Jacob Stoltzfoos farm or the Samuel Zook farm where his son now lives. John Rickenbach died in 1796, without any children, so you see, the name Rickenbach among the Amish has long ago died out, for out of the four sons of Adam Rickenbach, three died without any heirs, Jacob, John, and Adam Jr.

Another child of the immigrant Henry Rickenbach of Leacock, who died in 1741, was, the first mentioned on the list and probably the oldest in the family, Elizabeth or Betty Rickenbach, born 1723, died 1796 at the age of 73 years. She was married to Johannes Kurtz, born 1722 in Switzerland, the son of Stephen Kurtz of that place, came to America on the Ship Anderson and landed at Philadelphia September 27, 1752. Hannes Kurtz, according to records, was the first Amish Deacon of the Northkill settlement of Berks County. They had six children, namely, (1) Jacob Sr., (2) John, (3) Barbara, (4) Magdalena, (5) Stephen, and (6) Adam.

Jacob Kurtz Sr., born 1753, died 1832, married to Barbara Kurtz, born 1762, died 1826. This family lived on the farm along Route 322, a few miles west of Ephrata. They are buried in the family graveyard located on their farm. There were seven children born to this family, (A) Jacob Jr., born 1782, died 1853, married to Sarah Kurtz, daughter of Abraham and Barbara (Ritter) Kurtz. They were the great-great-grandparents of Bishop Ira and Pre. C. J. Kurtz of Elverson, Pa.; (B) John Kurtz, born 1784, died 1862, married to Cathrine Smith, both are buried in the family cemetery; (C) Henry Kurtz, born 1787, died 1860. To mention a few of his descendants are Amos Hoover of Denver and Pre. Titus Hoover of Snyder Co., Pa.; (D) Christian Kurtz, born 1789, married to Cathrine King; to this union were born six daughters, namely, Nancy Kurtz married to Pre. Jacob Stoltzfus; Elizabeth Kurtz married to Elias or Eli Stoltzfus; Sallie Kurtz married to Christian Stoltzfus, who was a deacon in the Millcreek District, and lived on the farm where Isreal Swarey now lives, they were the writer's great-grandparents; Mary Kurtz married to Isaac Mast of Morgantown; and Barbara Kurtz married to Jacob Umble of Bird-in-Hand, Pa. (E) Anna, or Nancy Kurtz, born 1792, died 1852, married to John Kurtz, born 1798, died 1849, he was of the Reading branch of Kurtzs, and they are buried on their farm on the outskirts of Reading, known as Kenhurst; (F) Elizabeth Kurtz, born 1798, died 1881, married to Pre. John Mast, who moved to Long Green, Baltimore County, Maryland, where they both died; (G) Barbara Kurtz, born 1801, married to John Lapp, son of Jacob Lapp, who both moved to Clarence Center, Erie Co., New York in 1828,

The next on the list of Hannes and Elizabeth (Rickenbach) Kurtz's children is John Jr., born in 1756 or 1757, was married to Veronica Zook, born in 1763, a daughter of the immigrant, Moritz Zook. John Kurtz Jr. requested in his will to be buried on his own plantation where he lived along what is now called Butter Road in Manheim Twp., which is now a Shirk farm. The inscriptions on the tombstones are still readable as follows, "Johannes Kurtz Jr. Gobohren Matz 16, 1757 Verschied den 13 Feb. 1826. Ein jeder denke nacht und tag, wie er selig sterben mag. Alt geworden 68 Hahra 10 monate und 28 tag." His wife's tombstone is marked: "Veronica Kurtz gobohren jahr 1763 Verschied den 15 Feb. 1826 am nemlichen tage ihr geliebten eheman beardiget wurde Alt geworden ohngefähr 63 Jahre Bereite dich starb ab der welt, Denk an die letzten zeiten." This family were members of the Amish Church called the West Conestoga. Some more of this family at a later date.

Another child of Hannes and Elizabeth (Rickenbach) Kurtz was Barbara, married to Christian Lantz; another was Magdalena Kurtz, born 1759, married to Jacob Forney, which was an Amish name in the early Berks County settlement. They had some children.

Another child of Hannes and Elizabeth (Rickenbach) Kurtz was Stephen married to Elizabeth Yoder; another was Adam Kurtz, born 1768, died 1852, married to Anna Mast, a daughter of Bishop Jacob Mast. They lived in the vicinity of Womelsdorf in Lebanon County, Pennsylvania, and are buried in the family graveyard along Route 422, leading from Reading to Harrisburg. The cemetery is in well-kept condition and the farm is still occupied by the Kurtzes. C. Z. Mast, the well-known genealogist of Morgantown could remember his grandfather relating how they would travel from Morgantown to Womelsdorf to attend church services in the home of Adam Kurtzes. There were nine children born to this union, two died in infancy. According to the names of the intermarriage partners it is very doubtful if any of these descendants are of the Amish faith.

We have mentioned three of immigrant Henry Rickenbach's children in the last few issues of "The Diary," namely John, Elizabeth and Adam. The other three are Henry, of whom we have no record at this time; Jacob Rickenbach, who died in Manor Twp., Lancaster County, without any children; and Margart, who was married to Samuel Bear (writer's opinion). These families could all have been members of the Amish Church called the West Conestoga of the latter part of the eighteenth and beginning of the nineteenth century.

As you read over these records you will find the spelling of the name Rickenbach all the same, although the spelling differs, sometimes three different ways on one document.

A few more details about the Rickenbach family, from old writings: The Rickenbachs originated from the old Rickenbach Castle in Basel, Switzerland. Also, a few miles south of Bern Switzerland, there is a town called Rickenbach.

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1803

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sich das Manfhan dohn viuf pfümmt  
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### THE BOY WHO DID NOT LIKE THE WORD, MUST.

Eugene. Oh, I wish I were a man! for then I should be my own master; and people would not always be saying to me, "Eugene, you must do this;" or, "Eugene, you must go there." I can not bear the word, must.

Mother. You should make up your mind to bear it; for you will be obliged to hear it, even when you come to be a man.

Eugene. Why, mother, who do you think will dare say to me, "You must," when I get to be a man?

Mother. Did you not hear your father tell the men, this morning, they must get in the hay, and stack up the grain?

Eugene. Yes; but they are hired men, and father pays them for their services.

Mother. Well, do you not get pay for your services? Who pays for your food and clothing? Did you not hear your uncle say, last evening, that boys did not half pay for their "bringing up?"

Eugene. Yes; but some people seem to think that boys must do every thing. When I get to be a man, I intend to go to sea.

Mother. There you will find it is all must work. Ship-masters are very strict, and all the sailors are obliged to obey orders promptly.

Eugene. Well, perhaps, one of these days, I shall be rich enough to live without work, and then, I wonder who will order me around.

Mother. Then you will be a man of fashion, I suppose; and your tailor will tell you how you must have your coat made; and the hatter will say, "You must have a more stylish hat."

Eugene. Oh, I should be willing to have the tailor tell me I must have a new suit of clothes, and the hatter to tell me I must have a new hat, if I had money enough to pay for them!

Mother. Yes; but I heard a rich man say, yesterday, he must go to court; but he did not wish to go.

Eugene. Why must he go, if he does not wish to go, mother?

Mother. Because he is an important witness in a suit. The court had served a summons on him, and he must be there to give in his testimony. So, you perceive that the rich, as well as the poor, have duties which they must perform.

Eugene. Had I known that before, I do not think I should have disliked that word, as I have done. I see now that the word, must, tells us what we ought to do.

Mother. Yes, or, in other words, it points out your duty; and when you know what duty is, you ought to do it willingly and cheerfully.

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### REPROACHES OF UNKIND CONDUCT.

Cousin Sarah had come to see me, and we were going to the woods to find silver-white hickory nuts, and yellow walnuts, and wild grapes, and to swing; for we knew of a nice swing in the woods; but we were selfish, and did not want my little brother and

sister, Delia and Albert, to go with us.

Many times and ways we tried to get away from them; but they suspected our motive, and kept with us all the while. Now, we said we were going to play in the garret, and asked Delia to find the doll we had made out of rags, with black marks of coal for its eyes, and without arms or legs; but Delia said she did not know where it was, and could not find it, unless I would help her.

Then we said we knew where there were some ripe pears, and asked Albert and Delia if they did not want some; but they said no, unless we would go with them to the tree. Albert was two years older than I; and Delia, about two years younger,—as meek and sweet a child as ever lived.

She was never cross, and never struck me in her life; but, whatever I wished her to do, she almost always did; and, in pleasing me, she seemed to please herself more. The remembrance of all this goodness, makes my own selfish conduct look so much the worse.

I can see her now,—just as she used to look, with a pale face, and large black eyes that always seemed mournful, and thin brown hair hanging loose on her neck; for it was neither braided nor curled.

I remember the dress she wore that very day,—a pale blue calico that was almost outgrown, and the pink gingham bonnet that she held in her hand, as she looked at us wishfully, but said nothing. Albert was a sturdy, good-natured boy; but having a temper that could be aroused.

He would have liked, very much, to go to the woods with us; for cousin Sarah was always full of fun, and he delighted to be with her; but he no sooner suspected we did not wish him to go with us, than he called Delia aside, and said to her: "You and I will go and swing in the barn, and not stay with folks that do not want us." So Delia put her little sun-burnt hand in his, and, looking sorrowfully toward us, they went together to the barn.

We felt quite ashamed when they were gone, and were half inclined to follow them, and play together, and so be friends again; but Albert did not once look back, or seem to care where we went. So we took our bonnets that we had hidden under some burdock-leaves, and set off for the woods, laughing and talking as though very happy. But we were not happy at all. Indeed, I think both of us were ashamed and sorry for what we had done.

We reached the forest, and, as we walked through the dead leaves, and over the mounds, Sarah said that Indians were buried beneath them; and so we began to talk of other dead people beside Indians, and, instead of being merry, we became very sad. Often, while we walked to and fro over the mounds, I looked toward the barn,—for it was in full view,—saw the door open, and knew that Albert and Delia were there.

After a while, we went deeper into the woods, and gathered grapes and walnuts, and swung till we were tired; but, all the time, we kept thinking the woods would not be so lonely, if we were all to-

gether. So, long before sunset, we set out for home, intending to go straight to the barn, and make amends for our bad conduct.

We were nearly there, when, all at once, we heard a cry, as if some accident had happened. I tried to run; but was so much frightened that I could not get along at all. Soon I saw Albert carrying Delia toward the house, her head falling backward, and her little feet dragging; for Albert was so much frightened that he could not carry her; and when he saw us, he let her fall on the ground, and began to wring his hands, and cry.

Poor little Delia! she had been walking on a beam twenty feet from the floor, and, suddenly growing dizzy, had fallen. Her head was bleeding, and her face was white as death. What I suffered then I can not tell. If we had not gone to the woods, or, if we had taken her with us, it would not have been. Oh, how bitterly these reproaches came to me!

Delia was carried home, laid on the bed, and the doctor sent for. We could not tell how badly she was hurt, nor whether she would even live till the doctor could get there. She was alive, we knew, and that was all; for she lay still and insensible.

When the doctor came, he asked how the accident had happened; and then I was so much afraid that he would learn my guilt, though no one knew it but myself, that I went out of the house, and, with a stick, digged in the ground for a long time, having no object, and scarcely knowing what I was doing. I was told that the doctor said Delia was very badly hurt; but that she might possibly get well.

At supper-time, I said I did not want any, and would watch with her. When they were all gone, I called her softly, folded her hands close in mine, and kissed her several times. As I did so, she opened her eyes and smiled; and, putting her arms around my neck, held me close to her for a moment, then her hands grew damp and fell away; great drops of sweat stood on her forehead; her lips grew white and trembled.

I ran to the stairs and called. Mrs. Henry, who had been sent for, went close to the bed, and, saying to me, "Don't cry so," laid her fingers on the sweet eyes that had looked their last on me so lovingly. Then she reached the other hand, and drew down the poor child's feet, and we all knew that she was dead.

The grass has grown over the grave of little Delia, long, long years. Many a time, I have brought violets to plant about it, from the very woods where Sarah and I went to play, and never without shedding the bitterest tears.

All my life, that memory has been like a dark shadow following me about. Oh, it is a terrible thing to have done any thing wrong to those that are dead! No living voice can reproach us like their mute lips; no hands smite us like those that are folded upon the bosom from which life has fled.

If you who read this story, would avoid such memories, be kind to one another. It is not long that we are children together; it is not long that we live at all; and, if we would make life a blessing instead of a curse, we must do as we would be done by.

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### THE BROKEN PANE OF GLASS.

A few years ago, as several boys were engaged in playing ball, in front of the schoolhouse, one of them struck the ball with his bat, and sent it with such force against a pane of glass, as to break it.

Soon the school bell rang. The boys all left their sport, and returned to their studies. The teacher kindly asked who broke the pane of glass; but no one replied. The boy who broke the glass, would not confess, and his playmates would not expose him.

The lady who had charge of the school, felt very sad to think her pupils tried to conceal the matter. She did not care for the value of the pane of glass, neither did she care on her own account; but she loved her pupils, and desired that they would so act, that every body could have confidence in them.

She desired that all her pupils in after life, should be respected and happy. This she knew they could not be, if now they were not truthful, and tried to conceal their faults. She felt very sorry; but it was wholly on account of her pupils.

The next day, the teacher addressed the whole school. She did not refer to the broken pane of glass; but she dwelt on the conduct of boys in their sports, and the principle of rectitude and kindness which ought at all times to govern their conduct.

She spoke of the importance of doing, in every case, as they would like to be done by; and that they ought to do right from principle, and not because they were watched. She said they might do many things that were wrong, which might never be known by their parents, teachers, or playmates. But there is One who sees and knows all that we think or do.

She told them that punishment was sure to follow crime, and that little faults would always lead us to larger ones. She then related an occurrence which took place many years ago. "A boy had been told by his mother, that it was wrong to rob bird's nests, and that he must never do it. But he did not heed her command.

"One day, he saw a bird's nest on a high branch of a tree, where he could not reach it. So he took a long ladder, placed it against a large limb, and then climbed up to the nest. But, just as he reached forth his hand to take it, his foot slipped, and he fell to the ground, and broke his arm."

As soon as the teacher closed her remarks, George rose from his seat and said, "I struck the ball that broke the pane of glass, and I am willing to pay for it."

William then rose and said, "It will not be right for George to pay the whole cost. We were all engaged in the play, and I am willing to pay my share."

"And I - I - I!" exclaimed all the boys, at the same time. A thrill of pleasure went through the whole school, at this display of right feeling.

But here the teacher spoke again, and said, "I am very glad that George has had the courage to confess the truth; and that you all appear so willing to share with him in the expense. This, however, I shall not ask of you. It is enough for me that the truth has come out, as it did, and that you all evince such a willingness to do what is right."



*Freuet euch des Herrn.. Ps. 33:1*

#### ALTER BRUDERSCHAFT GEMEINDE

Through the dust of country lane  
 Roll the black buggy wheels,  
 Up hill and down dale, forward,  
 Peace pervades and feels  
 And settles like benediction calm  
 On woods and fields so green  
 As the yellow buggy top  
 Moves through the living sheen  
 The pastoral, calm, verdant land  
 Where Amish Brethren live,  
 On the pike the measured beat  
 Of hooves a pattern give,  
 Where values still staunchly stand,  
 Of neighbor, help, and love,  
 The barn to raise, house to warm,  
 Country calm, and cooing dove;  
 Of children loved, old ones kept,  
 In Christian love with care,  
 The large cooling, fragrant pie,  
 And apples for snitz to pare.  
 The white capped heads of glory,  
 Love for husbands and God,  
 The barn church where martyr hymns  
 Fill the silence abroad,  
 German sounds of worship song,  
 In message, truth and word,  
 Alter Bruderschaft Gemeinde  
 Truly praising the Lord.  
 O who would not really like  
 To be turned back in years  
 To values of forbears brave  
 And true, despite one's fears.

Wilmer D. Swope  
 June 11, 1972

#### LEACOCK TOWNSHIP SCHOOL HISTORY

From Ellis and Evans  
 obtained from the Free Library, Lancaster, Pa.

Miss Boyer

Leacock township did not accept the school system until 1844. At an election held on the 15th day of March of that year the following persons were elected directors: Thomas S. Woods, John L. Lightner, Christian Eby, Andrew Dunlap, Christian Beiler, and William P. Michael. At the first meeting of this board it was resolved that the amount of school tax to be assessed for the year should be six hundred and fifty dollars.

The township's share of the State appropriation for common schools had been withheld from the year 1834, the time of the passage of the school law, up

to the time of the acceptance of the system. The township then received its share, which amounted to a large sum of money.

After its organization the board proceeded immediately to provide school-houses. It contracted for the building of seven new frame houses, four at two hundred and seventy-five dollars each, and three at two hundred and fifty dollars each. Besides these, the board procured the use of two other houses, which were held at that time by trustees, but which were afterwards conveyed to the school district.

The first teachers employed were at Hollow, Chiron T. Whipple; Hatville, Donald Sutherland; Intercourse, John Seldomridge, Jr.; Eckert's, Thomas Coulter; Concord, R. M. Creamer; Weavertown, John McKillips; Stoltzfus', Henry D. Metzler; Zuck's, Daniel Lefevre; Rutter's, Thomas Allen.

In 1852 an independent school district was established composed of small portions of the territories of Leacock, Salisbury, and Paradise respectively. The school-house for this district stood at first in Salisbury township, but in 1870 a new house was erected, and is now used, which stands just over the line on the soil of Leacock. It has its own board of directors, and its name is New Milltown. Since that time the legal name of the old district is the school district of Leacock.

In 1857 another school-house was erected by the school district of Leacock, near Intercourse. It was of brick, and its cost was six hundred and ninety-nine dollars. Since the erection of this house there have been in the township ten schools.

According to the minutes of the board there have been sixty different persons who have served as school directors in the district since the acceptance of the system in 1844. Some of these persons served three years, some six, some nine, and a few of them twelve years. And the number of different teachers that have had charge of the schools is one hundred and sixty, some of these teachers having taught in the district for only a session or two, while many others of them taught for four, five, or six terms, and a number of them for a still longer time. Among the ten teachers recently employed for the schools for the school year of 1883 are Miss Sallie E. Stehman, who has taught in the district five sessions; Mr. W. W. Busser, eight; John B. Senger, ten; Phares Buckwalter, eleven; and Miss Sallie J. Trainer, twelve sessions.

The school-houses originally erected having become much dilapidated, the board of directors commenced in 1875, the work of taking them down and rebuilding. In that year one new house was erected, the next year two, and the following year three more were erected. In 1878 two, in 1879 one was built, and lastly the brick house which had been erected in 1857 was taken down and a new one erected in 1882. All of these new houses were placed on or near the same ground on which the old houses had stood, except two or three, which were placed some considerable distance from where the old ones had been located. These new houses are frame, of good size,

substantially built, and tastefully finished. Each one is supplied with patent desks and furniture of the latest and most approved style. They were built and furnished at an average cost of thirteen hundred and twenty-four dollars, exclusive of the land. The estimated value of school property in the district is sixteen thousand dollars.

The present members of the school board are Elias Leaman, W. Kennedy, Mahlon Buckwalter, Tobias K. Hershey, Michael K. Lapp, and John Fisher. The president of the board is Mahlon Buckwalter, secretary, W. Kennedy, treasurer, Elias Leaman.

**Editorial note** — Thomas Wood probably lived on the Woods farm on the corner of Queen Road and Pequea Lane. The Lightners were early land purchasers of Leacock Twp., and frequently found on tax return lists as early as 1790. They were perhaps among the best established families in the township in 1844. However, by 1865 there is only one farm listed by that name in the township, the farm where Benjamin T. Fisher now lives. Andrew Dunlap we are unable to locate. Christian Beiler lived first on the Levi Esh farm, Harvest Drive, last near Irishtown on the John M. Stoltzfus farm, and died in the tenant house, where Jonas F. Beiler now lives. W. Michaels we are unable to locate.

Hollow school was first erected in the hollow of the Amos King farm, later a new one was built on the present site. Eckert's school was where Beiler's school now is. Gordonville was then Concord. Zuck's was opposite the farm buildings of Samuel S. Lapp on Gordonville Road. Rutter's was what is now Centerville. We are unable to say where the Stoltzfus school was. There are only four Stoltzfus families listed on the 1865 map, namely, Pre. Jacob Stoltzfus, his son Jonathan, Henry Stoltzfus near Mascot, and a Christian Stoltzfus where Kore Stoltzfus now lives. The first Intercourse school stood on the corner of Newport and Ridge Road.

#### How Did the Church Accept the New School System?

In the last two decades our church was looked upon by many Americans as being opposed to education. This as a whole has never been true. However, there may have been reason for this erroneous publicity. As we turn the pages of history back four hundred years we find that from Anabaptist time until now our church has approved of sound, wholesome, logical education. Although there were times when it was limited. We have a copy of the booklet, "Handlung oder acta der disputation zu zoffingen in Langnau, Switzerland." This booklet gives reports of hearings set for the Anabaptists of that place in the year 1532. It is noted that Hans Haslibacher was an active delegate at these hearings. At one point the "Tauffer" were asked about their attitude towards learning, (because they were often referred to as being ignorant) their answer showed an earnest desire for the privilege to teach their children to read and understand the Bible. In the eighteenth century Amish and Mennonite bodies in France had well-established schools, often a minister also served as teacher. Among the most prominent of these was

David Ummel 1797-1896.<sup>1</sup> From a study of Jean Seguy, a Frenchman, made on a German poem<sup>2</sup> made by a schoolteacher who was not an Anabaptist himself, but perhaps a French ex-soldier who claims he taught many Amish children in Holland, Germany, and France. He adds that he taught them German, French, and Latin when they hired him in the winter. Surely this is a strong indication that these church groups desired reading and writing in the family.

From the "Annals of Conestoga Valley," by C. Z. Mast, we learn that a tract of twenty acres was granted to the Hertzler congregation, or the Northkill, to erect a church and schoolhouse. The church house was never needed, but, according to Mast, a schoolhouse was built by the Amish on this land, and the foundation walls were yet visible forty years ago. The book was printed in 1942. Perhaps they adopted the old European method of having a church school, and a minister was obligated to teach the children.

Here we have one more indication of the need for education as seen by our fathers. From the will of Christian Miller of Cumru Twp., Berks Co., Pa. (1777) we read, "It is my will that my eight children may be raised and sent to school to be learned to read and wright." This is not unusual to be found in wills of the time.

Now to turn back to Leacock Township, we may wonder what the privileges were for parents to teach their children to read, write, and calculate. Since most of our families had just moved here around thirty years before the school system came, we assume they were kept busy clearing land, erecting homes, and buildings for their cattle and crops, and perhaps this thing of learning had been neglected, more or less.

We quote David Beiler in his writing, "Damals ging man nicht alle winter monat-weis in die schule, damals begnügte man sich mit lesen und schreiben."

The state school system was introduced in Pennsylvania before 1844. Perhaps a great majority vote was needed before it would go into effect. It is interesting to note that Upper Leacock was taken from Leacock in 1843, or, one year before the schools were set up. This division may have made it easier for those who were in favor to get a majority vote. It is evident that some of our group were in favor of it because one member was elected director the first year. This Christian Beiler was the oldest son of Bishop David Beiler. Eight years later he was chosen deacon in the church. Quite a few other members have served on the board since.

Now that we have some strong points in favor of educating the church, there are also some against it. Too much worldly wisdom can be poison to the soul. In our day and times we are in the most critical stage of all times. We have our education in our own hands. We should not be satisfied with a happy medium, nothing less than pure, wholesome, logical education.

Joseph Beiler

1. Mennonite Encyclopedia, Vol. 4, page 772

2. This poem was written around 1810. A separate article is to follow on this poem.



REGINA, THE GERMAN CAPTIVE;  
or,  
TRUE PIETY AMONG THE LOWLY.

By Rev. R. Weiser

Continued from last month

Chapter X – The Mother–Home of the Lonely Widow in the Mountains—The strong and undying Affection of a fond Mother—Her thoughts of the Loved, the Lost, the Absent, and the Dead.

After Mrs. Hartman returned from her long journey to Fort Pitt, she thought she had now done all she could to recover her lost Regina, and she would now wait and see what God would do. She heard nothing of her daughter, and yet she was strongly impressed with the thought that she would yet see her but where, or how, she knew not. Every thing was in God's hands, and he would so order affairs that she would yet find her. Her prayers were constantly going up to the eternal throne in behalf of Regina. Those prayers would be heard. She knew that God would hear her prayer, and, in his own good time, answer it to the joy and comfort of her heart. The whole Bible is full of the evidence that God hears prayer. Mrs. Hartman had read her Bible with care, and in it she found many instances where God had answered prayer, and this gave her encouragement and hope. She became more fervent in prayer.

In looking over the passages she had marked in the Bible she found that when Abraham's servant prayed in Mesopotamia, while he was yet specking Rebecca made her appearance. (Gen. xxiv. 12.) When Jacob wrestled with an angel of God at Jabbok, Esau's mind was changed. (Gen. xxxii. 24.) When Moses, the man of God, prayed at Rephidim, Israel prevailed against Amalek. (Ex. xvii. 8.) When Joshua prayed the sun stood still; and he prays again, and Achan is discovered. When Hannah prayed, God heard and gave her a son. David prayed, and Achithophel hung himself. When Asa prayed, God gave him a great victory over his enemies. Daniel prayed in the lion's den, and God shut up their mouths. The three Hebrew children prayed in the furnace, and the flames did not hurt them. Mordecai and Esther fast and pray, and the enemy of God's people (Haman) is hanged on a gallows fifty cubits high. Elijah prays, and no rain falls for three years and a half; he prays again, and a torrent of rain descends. Elisha prays, the river Jordan is divided; he prays again, the son of the Shunammite returns to life. When the church

at Jerusalem prayed, Peter was delivered from prison. (Acts xii. 5.) Paul and Silas prayed at midnight, and the foundation of the prison is shaken. These things Mrs. Hartman recollects, and had great confidence in prayer.

Oh, what has not prayer accomplished? In the language of another,—“Prayer has divided seas, rolled up flowing rivers, made flinty rocks gush into flowing fountains, quenched flames of fire, muzzled lions, disarmed vipers, marshaled the stars against the wicked, stopped the course of the moon, arrested the sun in his swift race, burst open iron gates, recalled souls from eternity, conquered the strongest devils, commanded legions of angels down from heaven! Prayer has bridled and chained the raging passions of men, and has routed and destroyed vast armies of proud and daring infidels and atheists.

Mrs. Hartman knew that prayer had brought Jonah from the bottom of the sea, and had taken Elijah to heaven on a chariot of fire, and she believed that prayer could bring back her lost daughter. Hence, she prayed most importunately to God for the recovery of Regina. Nor did she pray in vain. God heard the widow's sighs and groans.

The pious Germans are firm believers in God's special providence and interposition. Some think they carry the matter too far. Henry Yung Stilling has had a powerful influence, by his numerous works, over the pious German mind. Indeed, all their pious writers inculcate a strong and firm belief in a very special providence. But Mrs. Hartman loved to think that the God she adored would, somehow or other, interpose in her behalf and restore her child. Ah! little did that pious heart, buried in the dismal gloom of a dark forest in America, think that her humble prayers were moving the hand that moved the universe!

Yet so it was. God influenced the hearts of the English officers to appeal to the government to prosecute a vigorous war against the French; and, when the French were overcome, their allies (the Indians) became powerless. Thus, not only the prayers, but also the heroic conduct of this devoted mother in going to Fort Pitt in search of her lost daughter, had their effect. Her labor was not in vain in the Lord.

As her long-absent and lost daughter had often asked herself the question, “Would I know my mother if I were to see her?” so the mother often asked herself the question, “Would I know my lost daughter even if I were to see her?” And she called up in her imagination her beautiful and lovely daughter as she looked when she was ten years old. Her fair, transparent skin, with its carmine tints; her large, full, round blue eyes; her fine, glossy hair; her fat, round form, and her dimpled chin,—all rose up in her imagination like a beautiful ambrotype. And she loved to gaze on this beautiful re-creation of her lovely daughter. But then she reflected, as she was now nineteen years old, how changed she must be. Perhaps her complexion has faded, the form of her expression changed, and her once happy spirit broken. Deep emotion would not permit her to dwell on this painful subject. And she consoled herself with the reflection

that she was in the hands of God, and that he would take care of her.

Thus things moved on during the summer. The widow and her son had been busy. And so the fall was now again closing in upon her,—that melancholy season in which she had met with all her misfortunes,—when she saw the sere and yellow leaf of autumn, she could not but think of the terrible scenes of nine years before, when her husband was murdered and her children were carried away.

One day, when she was in a gloomy and melancholy mood, having thought a great deal about her daughter, Christian came running to the house and told his mother that a gentleman was riding up the lane toward the house on a grey horse, and he wondered who he was. The widow stood at the window and looked out. She saw him coming past the stable; but he was a stranger. He rode to the fence, dismounted, hitched his horse, and came into the house. When he came in he inquired whether this was the place where the widow Hartman lived? She answered in the affirmative. She wondered what he could possibly have come for; it was very seldom that a stranger came into that lonely region. As it was near noon, Mrs. Hartman, with true German hospitality, proposed to have his horse put in the stable, and said she would get him his dinner. Christian then took his horse to the stable and gave him a good feed, and, after some time, a good and substantial dinner was prepared for the stranger. The widow was still in suspense as to the stranger's business. Her curiosity was, of course, awakened; but she was too sensible a woman to be rude in asking questions. But, while sitting at the table, she ventured to ask him if he was going any further up the valley? He replied, no; but that he intended to return that same day to Tulpehocken. And, without keeping her in suspense any longer, he informed her that the Rev. Kurtz, then pastor of the Lutheran church at Tulpehocken, (where the Rev. L. Eggers now resides,) had sent him over to let her know that Colonel Boquet had brought a large number of children—who were taken from the Indians—to Carlisle, and, perhaps, her lost daughter might be among them. "This is my only business," said he. I cannot describe the tumultuous thoughts and feelings of the poor mother's heart! She could not speak for a few moments; the blood rushed to her face, and then back to her heart, and she almost fainted. The first words she could utter were, "God bless you and Parson Kurtz! My daughter is there;—I know it, I know it! My prayers have been heard, thank the Lord! I knew he would hear me." And thus she went on for some time. The stranger, whose name I have forgotten, tried to comfort her, and, after some time, mounted his horse and returned.

No doubt that man felt happy that day. And when he laid his head upon his pillow at night, and thought of the joy he had carried to that poor widow's heart, he felt that acts of kindness have their own reward. To do good to others is to be happy ourselves.

The widow had made up her mind at once what she would do. She would go that same afternoon to a

neighbor's and borrow another horse,—for she had only one. Christian would ride one and she the other; then they could bring Regina back. For, from the first moment she heard of the children being at Carlisle, she felt confident that her lost daughter was among them. Her arrangements were soon made. A neighbor-woman promised to go over to her house every day and see that every thing was right, and feed the animals she had about her. They were ready long before day next morning, but did not start until the gray light began to shoot up the eastern sky.

Mrs. Hartman knew the road to Carlisle, as she had passed through it on her way to Fort Pitt. The first day they came to a farm-house, near the place where Lebanon now stands. The second day they came to Harris's Ferry; from this latter place they had only twenty miles to Carlisle. Early in the morning, directed by Mr. Harris, they forded the Susquehanna river, which was then very low, and soon turned their faces toward Carlisle. As they approached Carlisle the widow became very much excited. Her daughter—her long-lost daughter;—would she know her daughter? would her daughter know her? were questions that crowded upon her mind.

She was absorbed in these reflections, and scarcely heard the numerous questions which Christian asked her about the strange things he saw. At last he looked up, and, pointing up in the air a good piece ahead, he inquired, "What is that, mother?" She looked up and saw the British flag, as it waved over the garrison. She knew it, for she had seen it before, both at Fort Pitt and at Carlisle. "That," she replied, "is Carlisle; we will now soon be there." They were then about two miles off, on the old Trindle Spring Road. They hastened on; and, about two o'clock in the afternoon, they reached the town.

They went to a tavern,—a stone house in the center of the town,—where they dismounted; but the landlord could not speak German. There was a German, however, in the house, who acted as interpreter. She soon made her business known, and every one seemed to take an interest in assisting her. They did not want any thing to eat, for they had taken dinner some six or seven miles from Carlisle. The widow was anxious at once to see the good Colonel Boquet. She asked the German man at the inn to go with her.

Her feelings cannot be described. None but a mother, placed in similar circumstances, can enter fully into her feelings. She first went to Colonel Boquet, and told him (through the interpreter) all about her daughter:—how long she had been absent, how old she was, how she looked; but such a child as she described was not there. The colonel, it seems, had forgotten the name (Regina) which he had recorded in his book.

After some conversation he took her into a large room, into which he had ordered all the captives to be taken. There they were, all looking cheerful and happy. Mrs. Hartman walked in and looked all around for her child; but, alas! she was not there. She had the image of Regina engraved upon her heart as she

appeared nine years before, when she was a child. She passed through the room three or four times, and minutely examined the thirty girls that were there; but there was not one that seemed to bear any resemblance to Regina. There was one there that she addressed in German; but the poor child did not understand her. It was only then that she was informed that the children could speak no other than the Indian language. With a sad heart she was leaving the room, when she met the large, lustrous, blue eyes of what she thought was a stately Indian girl. She did not speak to her, but passed on.

It was now near night; and she had come to the conclusion that her daughter was not there. And when Colonel Boquet informed her that he had taken all the children from the Indians, she came to the conclusion that Regina was dead; and, if so, it was her duty to submit to the will of God. All her joyful anticipations of meeting her long-lost child were now blasted. Hope, which had long borne her up, now sickened and died. She went to the tavern, but had no appetite to eat.

When she retired to her bed that night, it was not to sleep, but to spend a night of agony. She prayed, and wept, and prayed again, until she became calm and tranquil.

In the morning she had made up her mind that she would leave Carlisle. It was no use to stay any longer. She had seen all the girls, and she was sure Regina was not there. When she was about to start, the German man at the tavern told her that a great many people were coming that day for their children, and that the children were to be paraded in the center of the town at nine o'clock, and that she had better remain. Although, she said, she knew her child was not there, yet it would do her heart good to see other parents finding their lost children, and she would remain. She did remain, and the result you shall soon see.

#### CHAPTER XI.

The Daughter—The Widow's Toils and Labors Rewarded—The Lost Found—The Means of the Discovery—A Thrilling Scene—Regina in her fond Mother's

Arms—Happy, Happy Mother!

Carlisle was all in commotion. A large number of strangers were in town, many of whom had come to see the rescued captives, and others had come to seek their long-lost children.

About nine o'clock in the morning—being a bright, clear, and lovely day in September, neither too cold nor too warm—a noise and bustle were heard, accompanied by the shrill fife and the tap of the drum. Mrs. Hartman and Christian looked out of the window, and there were the children, escorted by a platoon of soldiers, coming up the street from the garrison, with Colonel Boquet at their head. They were brought up into one of those beautiful squares for which Carlisle is noted. The largest and finest-looking boys and girls were in front and the smaller ones in the rear. Regina was in the foremost rank and Susan in the rear. Poor little Susan almost broke her heart when she was separated from Regina. She could not under-

stand why she dare not walk with Regina. But the colonel had his notions formed on the most approved principles of military tactics, and so he would have it. The girls were all neatly dressed—every thing but bonnets. Instead of bonnets the colonel had given each girl a fine red handerchief, which they were ordered to put over their heads; although those poor girls, who had been so long among the Indians, did not consider it any great favor to have the head protected either from the sun or the cold. The boys had hats on, and were all dressed like little soldiers. When the colonel had brought them to the public square, he placed them on a beautiful green, between the old court-house and the old stone church, facing the present railroad. The ground is now enclosed with iron railing, as the court-house yard. This was a novel sight, to see so many children that had been so long among the Indians. All the people in town went to see them.

A number of parents were there, looking with anxious eyes over the company of captives. Every now and then some father or mother, and sometimes both, would be made happy by finding a long-lost child. On such occasions the assembled multitude would join in the shout of joy; for every time a child was recognised by its parents a shout would be uttered. Poor Mrs. Hartman was, of course, glad to see this. Some twenty or thirty children were that day recognised.

At length, about noon, Mrs. Hartman made up her mind that she would start off and go as far as Harris's Ferry that night. While she was standing at the head of the captives, she could not help looking at the fine, tall, Indian-looking girl with the large blue eyes. She passed and repassed her frequently, and she noticed that the Indian girl was looking at her; but here the matter ended. While standing there,—looking at the stately Indian girl, and as she was just about to leave the ground,—Colonel Boquet, with the interpreter, came up to her and addressed her, and asked her whether she could see nothing of her daughter? She replied, in sobs, that her daughter was not there. The colonel then inquired whether there were no marks upon her by which she could recognise her? She could recollect none. He then asked her whether she did not recollect some songs or hymns that her daughter might have heard her sing before her captivity. She said, yes; her daughter was a good German singer, and they had often sung the hymn—

"Allein, und doch nicht ganz allein,  
Bin ich—"

In English,—

"Alone, and yet not all alone, am I."

"Well," says the colonel, "now suppose you just sing that hymn. Start here, at the head of the company, and I will walk with you, and you shall sing the hymn that you and your daughter used to sing together; and if she is here it will awaken the right chord. She has not forgotten those early songs."

Mrs. Hartman said it was no use. Her daughter was not there, and the English people would only

laugh at her German singing. But the colonel insisted upon it. So she took off her bonnet, at the colonel's request. She was standing near the head of the little army of captives. She commenced, with a clear, loud, and tremulous voice,—

"Allein, und doch nicht ganz allein,  
Bin ich—"

("Alone, and yet not all alone, am I.")

The eyes of all were directed toward her. She had come to the second line, when a shrill, sharp sound was heard. It came from the tall Indian-looking girl with the large blue eyes. The next moment she was in her mother's arms. The mother looked wild with amazement; but she knew it was her daughter, for she joined her mother in singing. But the singing was soon stopped; and a great crowd soon gathered round; and, when matters were fairly understood, a shout of joy went forth from the assembled multitude that made the welkin ring.

The mother's joy was like that of Pericles, the Prince of Tyre, who, according to Shakespeare, when he found his lost daughter Marina, called upon the

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The Christian Yoder Alms Book mentions a Peter Zimmerman to contribute to the church. We have a few references of a 16 year old Henry Zimmerman to erect a petition to authorities for exemption of signing naturalization papers, which was signed by a double handful of elder members of the church. Could these all stem from one family? There are two Zimmerman females on our second list. It is not unreasonable to suppose that a great-great-great-great-great-grandmother of some of our readers was a Zimmerman by birth.

No. 12. Ulrich Speicher. Of this family we have little reference. Ulrich is possibly the progenitor of our Speicher families today in Lancaster and Mifflin Counties. A land grant was issued to Ulrich in 1752. In a quarter century the Speichers were numerous in the Tulpehocken area, now Jefferson Township, and later in the Heidelberg area. It is a typical Berks County name today, particularly in that area.

No. 13. Christian Hershberger was given a land grant in 1753. Of his wife and children we have limited knowledge. Although we know that his son David moved westward, and that his descendants are numerous in Mifflin and Somerset Counties, Pa., and perhaps more so in other states further west. Evidently he was a capable man as he helped to settle many estates in the area.

There are quite a few Hershbergers listed in the 1771 Cocalico Twp., Lancaster County tax returns. This is the Aphrata-Adamstown-Denver area. We have a Christian, Jacob, Abraham, Jacob, Isaac, John, Henry, and a widow on the list. It is hardly probable that these Hershbergers and our Christian were of one immediate family. John is listed as an inmate, that is to say that he was not yet a free man, or, that he was still under bondage to transportation dues, which indicates that he was of a later migration than our Christian. More study is needed on these.

gods (for he was a heathen) to keep the sea of joy from bursting the shores of his mortality. So it was with this poor widow. She had now found her long-lost daughter.

When little Susan saw what was going on, she came to Regina and refused to leave her; and, as there were none to claim her, Colonel Boquet permitted Regina to take her along.

Mrs. Hartman made up her mind to remain in Carlisle that night, and to start early in the morning for her home. How they got home, and how they got along at home, you will see in the next chapter. Never was there a happier family. The dead were alive, and the lost were found.

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Chapter XII — Regina at Home Again—Her Habits—Her Awkward Predicament—How she learned German the Second Time—Her Imperfect Religion—Her True Conversion to God—Her Connection with the Lutheran Church—Mrs. Hartman's Cup of Joy full—Heaven upon Earth—Religion the best of all.

No. 14. Christian Berki (Berkey) was issued a land grant in 1745, and a few others later. He owned quite a few acres in one block in eastern Penn Twp. and in Center Twp. on both shores of Irish Creek, formerly called Plumb Creek. Most of this land was transferred to his son Jacob at different times. Jacob was the father-in-law of Schmidt Christian Miller, a deacon of a Northkill District, and a widely known descendant of the Miller clan in Somerset Co., Pa. and Holmes Co., Ohio. Our Berkeys of today likely descend from Christian. Like the Speichers, this is a typical name in eastern Berks County today.

No. 15 and No. 16. Little is known about the Erbs. However, we feel confident they belong to the group. Like the Lichtis, we find them in associated lists of groups with other known names in Eastern France in 1710. We also know that Erb daughters were married to names of our group. A Jacob Erb is on the 1767 Heidelberg Twp., Berks County tax lists. It is fitting to believe that this was the Jacob on our children's list. Whether this Jacob is a forefather to our Erb families in Ohio and further west, is an open question.

No. 17. Should be Glaus (Nicholas) Erb Jr. We feel sure that he gave progeny to our church.

No. 18. No information.

No. 19. Geo. Wagoner. This is the most popular name in the Hamburg-Strausstown area today. Residents tell us that their forebearers were of the Amish faith.

No. 20. Henry Stehley occupied several tracts of land, the first one in 1750. There is not much known about this family, but we believe that strong female lines tie into the bond that exists in our day. Henry signed his name among other ministers in the Alms Book in 1782, so we feel sure he was a minister, but we do not know when he was ordained.

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by Joseph F. Beiler

## OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

### Shiplists

Continued from last month

Before we proceed to the next shiplist it may be well to take another look at the first one (see map on page 139, July issue).

No. 1. Hans Jacob Kauffman. Since the Kauffmans are so numerous in Berks County it is hard to say which Jacob Kauffman this is. It has been suggested that this could be the Jacob that was married to Anna, the oldest daughter of Jacob Mast (#10) by his first wife, as stated in the will of Jacob Mast, (Jan. 6, 1772) and if this is true, we could place him in now Penn Twp., Berks Co., on land grant plot #63, which is adjacent to Jacob Mast. From the women and children list we note that Hans Jacob Kauffman's wife was probably Barbara, and that they had one child already in 1737. This would have made Jacob Mast a grandfather before coming to America and that he lived till 1772 makes the matter questionable but not impossible. We think it needs more study.

No. 2 and No. 3. Hans Gerber Sr. and Hans Gerber Jr. Both of these families lived in now Springs Twp., Berks County, about three miles west of Reading. They both had families of nearly the same age. The one John Gerber was married to Susanna —— He died before 1779, leaving eleven children (see page 99 of the 1971 volume of THE DIARY).

Not much is known about the other John Gerber family except that the children were inter-married with familiar family names. Generally, we would say that Nos. 2 and 3 were father and son, but were they? To begin with, we find no female Gerber names on the women and children list, which indicates that neither of them were married in 1737, unless John Sr. was a widower and married again in America. It is

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known that in eighteenth century German terms senior and junior did not always apply to father and son, but were used to distinguish the older from the younger when two of one name lived in one town or community.

No. 4. Christian Lichti, is found among 1767 tax lists of Bern Township. As yet we have no record of his offspring. We do think he belongs to this group as his name is found in congregations in France among the Yoders, Grabers, Schwartzs, Hochstetlers, Roths, Kauffmans, Gnagys, and others in 1733 lists.

No. 5. (on last month's map was a mistake and should not appear there) Jacob Schantz (Johns) is believed to be one of the first of our group to settle along the Conestoga Creek, near Lancaster, which was later called the West Conestoga congregation. He acquired a land grant in now East Lampeter Twp. at an early date. In 1865 this community was heavily settled with Johns families, most, or all of them descendants of this Jacob. If he was related to Joseph, the founder of Johnstown, is yet to be found out. This Jacob is added to our list because we feel he was an associate to the Northkill group.

No. 6. Abraham Miller. We have at least three Abraham Millers listed in Berks County. At this time we cannot pinpoint this Abraham's location nor identify his family.

No. 7. Christian Miller. It is believed that this Christian Miller received a land grant in now Penn Twp., Berks County in 1747. In 1788 it was transferred to Joseph Renno. Christian probably accompanied the Bedford Co. (now Somerset Co.) movement at an early date.

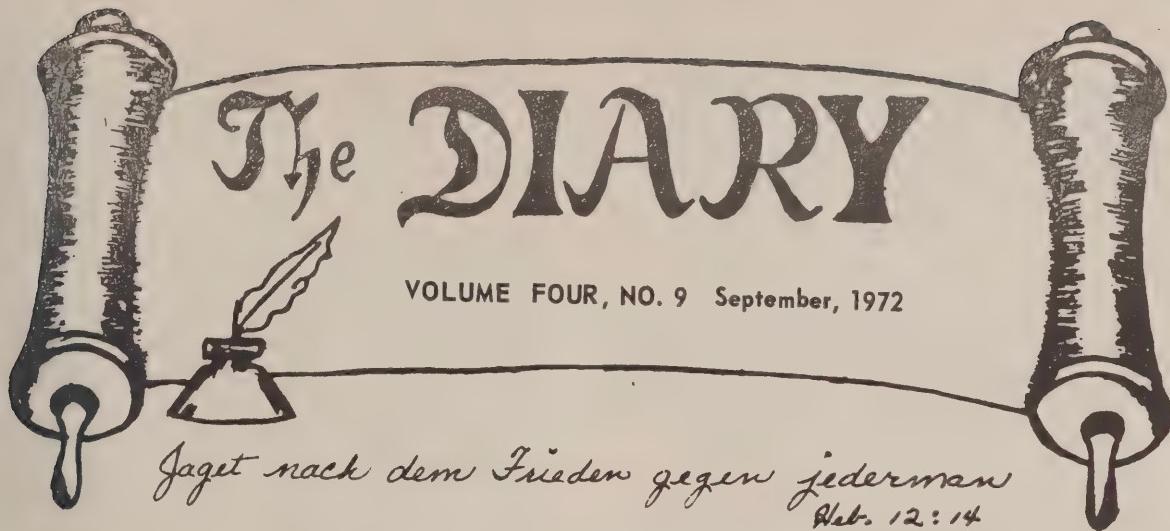
No. 8. Benedict Leman (Lehman, his wife was Ferona. He acquired land by the foot of the Blue Mountains, near Hamburg, in 1750. His plantation was called Hanover. Note their children on the children list. He had a son Benedict who in turn also had a son Benedict. This family also joined the Brothers Valley movement (now Somerset Co., Pa.) where the Lehmans were quite numerous until they pushed westward. He is the progenitor of our western Lehman brethren.

No. 9. Jacob Biler (Beiler). At immigration his wife was Feronica. He married again to Elizabeth Keller. More about this family is scheduled to appear in later issues. He purchased land at the heads of the Irish Creek, now Penn Twp., Berks Co. in 1737.

No. 10. Jacob Mast was also married twice which he states clearly in his will, although he fails to name either of them. In all probability the Barbara in the women and children list was his wife, most likely his first wife. Anna was of his first wife. John, Jacob, Christian, Frena, and Joseph were by his second wife. His first land grant is dated 1737.

No. 11. Hans Zimmerman. It has long been known that a Hans Zimmerman family lived among the Northkill congregation. Now we find there are two Hans Zimmerman families in the area. One at the foot of the Blue Mountains in now Tilden Twp. and one on land granted in 1752. In South Heidelberg Twp. there is a 1750 land grant to Hans and Peter Zimmerman.

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Jaget nach dem Frieden gegen jedermann  
*Heb. 12:14*

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#### MICHIGAN GIRL FELL FROM HAY WAGON

Deborah Jo, 16, daughter of Jacob Brandenberger, of Camden, Michigan, was instantly killed Thursday, September 7, when she and two small brothers went to the field with team and hay wagon to rake hay. As they drove through the gate off the road, the front wagon wheels hit a rut, throwing Deborah off the front headfirst, hitting her head on the tongue. Had a skull fracture, was bleeding from the mouth and nose when she was found. Her mother saw it happen. The undertaker said that she strangled from getting too much blood into her throat and lungs. They also think she had a heart attack before she fell, as she was down on her knees.  
*(see obituary)*

#### PA. TOT DROWNED IN FARM POND

Elmer K. Lapp, 15-month-old son of Daniel E. and Lydia K. (King) Lapp of 1250 Penn Grant Road, Strasburg, Pa., drowned in a shallow pond on his father's farm Tuesday evening, September 12. The boy was last seen about 7 p.m. playing in the front yard of the family farm. His sister, Sadie, 13, discovered the tot's body floating face down in the 1½ foot-deep pond about 7:40 p.m. The pond was located about 100 yards from the farmhouse. The boy apparently wandered away from the front yard and fell in. A deputy pronounced the boy dead on his arrival.  
*(see obituary)*

#### CORN BINDER ACCIDENT

Annie, daughter of Alvin Peacheys of Somerset County, Pennsylvania accidentally got into the corn binder while running along side of it. She slipped and fell, and while getting up, the bundle carrier caught her clothes, and they had to be removed to get her loosened. She had several bad cuts on her back, and quite a few bruises. She needed some stitches to close the wounds. She was taken to the clinic every day for shots to keep infection down. She now seems to be recovering nicely.

#### INDIANA WOMEN STRUCK BY LIGHTNING

After services at Sam Schrock's, of Middlebury, Indiana, on Sunday, September 17, they had the young folks, and their married children for supper and singing. Some of the women carried their trays out under the big pine tree in the front yard. Clouds were slowly coming up out of the west when suddenly there was a terrific flash and crash and lightning struck into the pine tree. All the women fell to the ground. Mrs. Alvin (Mary) Miller lay still. Her sister, Mrs. Harley (Lizzie) Lehman got to her feet and then noticed that her sister's covering was burning, and quickly put out the fire with her hands. Their sister, Mrs. Amos (Lydiann) Schwartz and sister-in-law Mrs. Eli (Mary) Schrock were also in the group that were hit. Others came to the scene immediately. At first it was thought that Mary had gone, but soon signs of life appeared and she went into severe spasms of shock. Her husband got a shovel and covered her feet and legs with earth to draw out the electricity. All of the victims were removed to Goshen Hospital for treatment. Mrs. Miller was placed in intensive care in serious condition and the others were released the same evening. The doctors said the first aid treatment of covering her feet with earth is probably what saved her life. She was returned home from the hospital on Thursday, apparently about in normal condition again. They live at Emma, and their address is Topeka R2, Ind.

#### JOHNSON CO., IOWA NOTE

Some of the relatives from this area were to Goshen, Indiana on September 6 to attend the funeral of Mrs. Levi (Lydia) Knepp, age 93. When the funeral was about over, a message came that her sister Elizabeth, Mrs. Isaac Gingerich, of Jamesport, Mo., age 94, passed away. So a number of the relatives left for the funeral at Jamesport, further services and burial was at Bowling Green, Mo., where her husband was buried. Funeral was conducted by Min. Jonas S. Bontrager of Clark, Mo. (a nephew), and Bishop Ura Yoder.



*"Lasset die Kindlein zu mir kommen."*

*Mark 10:14*



## BIRTHS

Dover, Delaware

- BYLER, David A. (Millie Gingerich) Dover R2  
a daughter LUCY, September 8
- BYLER, William A. (Amanda Swartzentruber) Hartley R1  
a daughter LYDIA, September 23
- MAST, Amos S. (Anna Mary Bontrager) Hartley R1  
a son AMOS JR., September 30
- MILLER, Adam M. (Sadie Miller) Dover R5  
a daughter MARY ANN, September 22
- SWARTZENTRUBER, Daniel (Lydia Miller) Dover R2  
a son JESSE DEAN, September 13
- YODER, Ammon (Lizzie Yoder) Wyoming R1  
a daughter RUTH, September 26
- YODER, Daniel J. (Emma Beachy) Hartley R1  
a son IDDO RAY, September 7

St. Mary's County, Maryland

- HERTZLER, Andrew (Sarah Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville  
a daughter MIRIAM, August 31

Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

- BEILER, Amos E. (Sally Smucker) New Holland R2  
a daughter LENA S., September 9
- BEILER, Benjamin F. (Sarah G. Fisher) Christiana R1  
a son JACOB F., September 1
- BEILER, David E. (Sadie S. Stoltzfus) Gap R1  
a daughter ELIZABETH JANE, September 16
- BEILER, Emanuel (Priscilla Stoltzfus) Talmage  
a daughter ANNA MAE, September 3
- BEILER, Enos (Sadie Zook) 73 S. Maple Ave., Leola  
a daughter KATIE Z., September 27
- BEILER, John (Rebecca Beiler) Ronks R1  
a daughter ANNA MARY, September 29
- BEILER, John A. (Mary Blank) Paradise R1  
a son STEVEN DANIEL, September 17
- BEILER, John L. (Anna S. Lapp) Strasburg R1  
a daughter, September 14
- BLANK, David S. (Mary E. Smucker) Gap R1  
a daughter FANNIE S., September 19
- BLANK, Ephraim (Susie Esh)  
a daughter, September 9
- EBERSOL, Elam M. (Emma L. Miller) Leola R1  
a son ELI P., September 1
- ESH, Eli (Anna Petersheim) Gap R1  
a son SAMUEL J., September 19
- FISHER, Levi S. (Lizzie Smucker) Strasburg R1  
a son DANIEL S., September 11
- FISHER, Levi S. (Susie S. Glick) Christiana R1  
a daughter ANNIE, September 14
- FISHER, Levi S. Jr. (Lydia Stoltzfus) Paradise R1  
a son BENUEL J., September 9
- GLICK, Benjamin S. (Sadie E. Kauffman) Quarryville R3  
a son, September 15
- GLICK, Emanuel (Sadie King) 46 Geist Rd., Lancaster  
a daughter BARBARA K., September 22

- GLICK, John R. (Rebecca Fisher) Quarryville R3  
a daughter MALINDA, September 24
- KAUFFMAN, the late Samuel K. (Sarah Stoltzfus)  
Ronks R1, a son SAMUEL K., September 5
- KING, Amos E. Jr. (Sadie S. Esh) Ronks R1  
a daughter MAMIE, September 7
- KING, Daniel (Elizabeth Beiler) 99 Glenbrook Rd., Leola  
a son SAMUEL, September 29
- KING, Daniel F. (Rebecca Blank) Narvon R2  
a daughter REBECCA B., August 9
- KING, Daniel K. (Susan Esh) Paradise R1  
a son HENRY, September 6
- KING, Eli E. (Hannah King) Ronks R1  
a son ELMER K., September 27
- KING, John Z. (Anna Stoltzfus) Rockvale Rd., Lancaster  
R 4, a daughter MARY KATHRYN, September 3
- LAPP, Elam F. (Fannie K. Fisher) Lititz R4  
a daughter MARY, September 4
- MILLER, Jacob K. (Sarah L. Fisher) Quarryville R3  
a daughter NANCY F., September 21
- RIEHL, Daniel E. (Mary L. King) Leola R1  
a daughter BARBARA K., September 29
- SMUCKER, David S. (Susie S. Stoltzfus) New Holland  
R2, a daughter LILLIAN S., September 29
- STOLTZFUS, Abner F. (Barbara B. Stoltzfus) New  
Holland R1, a daughter EMMA, September 3
- STOLTZFUS, Aaron E. (Sarah Esh) Leola R1  
a daughter BETSIE E., September 11
- STOLTZFUS, Benjamin (Christieanne Diener) Kinzers R1  
a son STEPHEN LEE, August 19
- STOLTZFUS, Benuel S. (Priscilla Stoltzfus) Elverson  
R2, a son ALVIN JAY, September 19
- STOLTZFUS, Elam (Sarah Beiler) Conestoga R1  
a daughter NAOMI B., September 14
- STOLTZFUS, Elam L. (Arie Blank) Bird-in-Hand R1  
a daughter BARBARA, September 29
- STOLTZFUS, John M. (Barbara S. Stoltzfus) Christiana  
R1, a son SAMUEL K., September 23
- STOLTZFUS, Moses (Anna Zook) Kinzers R1  
a daughter MARY, September 18
- STOLTZFUS, Stephen J. (Fannie Beiler) Gordonville R1  
a daughter LILLIAN B., September 13
- SWAREY, Aaron S. (Fannie L. Stoltzfus) Leola R1  
a daughter REBECCA, September 13

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 LAPP, Moses G. (Sarah Zook) Lebanon R1  
 a son ISAAC H., September 1

Adams County, Pennsylvania  
 KURTZ, Ben (Sarah Stoltzfus)  
 a daughter LAVINA, September 11

Juniata County, Pennsylvania  
 RENNO, Moses K. (Hannah Lapp) Mifflintown R2  
 a son DAVID L., September 19

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania  
 BYLER, Joseph (Sarah Lantz) Belleville  
 a daughter, September 29  
 BYLER, Norman (Salinda Zook) Belleville  
 a daughter RACHEL, September 2  
 PEACHEY, Aaron Z. Jr. (Fannie Byler) Belleville  
 a son ROBERT, September 3  
 SWAREY, Uriel (Nancy Kanagy) Belleville  
 a son LEVI, September 26

Somerset County, Pennsylvania  
 KINSINGER, Daniel H. (Lizzie Brenneman) Grantsville  
 Maryland, a son NORMAN, September 21

Holmes and Wayne Counties, Ohio  
 BEACHY, Erwin (Clara Yoder) Sugarcreek R1  
 a daughter MARILYN RENEA  
 HOSTETLER, William H. (Ada Miller)  
 a son STEVEN, September 9  
 KAUFMAN, Firmen N. (Luella Bontrager)  
 a son MARCUS, September 28  
 MAST, Sam E. (Sara Yoder) Fresno R3  
 a son DANIEL,  
 MILLER, Abe M. (Susie E. Troyer) Fredericksburg R2  
 a daughter KATHY, September  
 MILLER, Alvin S. (Melinda Raber) Millersburg R4  
 a daughter ANNIE,  
 MILLER, Roman J. (Amanda E. Mast) Millersburg R5  
 a daughter JOANNA, July 8  
 MILLER, Roy A. (Mary Betty Miller) Fredericksburg R2  
 a son ADEN, August 24  
 RABER, Eli P. (Clara Yoder) Millersburg R2  
 a son LEROY,  
 SCHLABACH, Dale A. (Mae Yoder) Millersburg R5  
 a son LOREN, September 9  
 STUTZMAN, Jonas P. (Ada E. Mast) Fredericksburg R2  
 a daughter RUTH, September 7  
 STUTZMAN, Melvin (Rebecca Miller) Millersburg R3  
 a son DANIEL,  
 YODER, Christ S. (Susie E. Troyer) Fredericksburg R1  
 a daughter AMANDA, July 25  
 YODER, Joe D. (Lydia D. Stutzman) Fredericksburg R2  
 a daughter KAREN, August  
 YODER, Mose J. (Ada Yoder) Baltic R1  
 a daughter FREDA,  
 YODER, Paul M. (Amanda E. Troyer) Fredericksburg R2  
 a daughter EVA, August 15  
 YODER, Roy D. (Emma Yoder) Fredericksburg R2  
 a daughter KAREN, July 8

Centre County, Pennsylvania  
 STOLTZFUS, Jonas M. (Lavina Stoltzfus)  
 a son ELI, September 2  
 ZOOK, Melvin S. (Lizzie Miller)  
 a son BENUEL, September 28

Ashland County, Ohio  
 KEIM, Joe W. (Sylvia K. Yoder) Ashland R5  
 twin daughters MARY and CLARA, September 11  
 YODER, Melvin R. (Sarah Gingerich) Shiloh  
 a daughter POLLY, August 30

LaGrange County, Indiana  
 BONTRAGER, Ervin (Ida Mae Miller) Shipshewana R1  
 a son ERVIN JR., August 30  
 BONTRAGER, Harley (Katie Lehman) Millersburg R1  
 a daughter MARY H., August 29  
 BONTRAGER, Ralph A. (Polly Miller) Middlebury R1  
 a daughter ANNA, September 11  
 BONTRAGER, Samuel E. (Ada Raber) Middlebury R1  
 a daughter EDNA, September  
 FRY, Christie (Katie Mast) LaGrange R4  
 a son PAUL JAY, August 29  
 FRY, Ira (Alma Bontrager) Topeka R1  
 a son DAVID I., September 22  
 GINGERICH, Freeman (Clara Helmuth) Topeka R1  
 a daughter DORIS ANN, September 20  
 GLICK, Freeman (Nettie Lambright) Millersburg R1  
 a daughter ANNA, September 1  
 HERSHBERGER, Mervin (Sue Yoder) Topeka R2  
 a son GERALD M., August 30  
 LAMBRIGHT, Freeman (Ada Troyer) Topeka  
 a daughter JANEAN, September 2  
 LEHMAN, Wilbur (Lizzie Miller) Topeka R2  
 a son JOHN W., September 6  
 MILLER, Wilbur (Mary Barkman) Ligonier R3  
 a daughter DIANE KAY, September 16  
 SCHWARTZ, Jacob H. (Ruth Wickey) LaGrange R4  
 a son LEE J., September 12  
 YODER, Jerry Jr. and (Edna Bontrager) Middlebury R1  
 a son FLOYD, September 21  
 YODER, Jonas (Wilma Bontrager) Topeka R2  
 a son VERNON DEAN, August 31  
 YODER, William (Glada Eash) Shipshewana R2  
 a son WILLIAM JR., September 12

Daviess County, Indiana  
 GRABER, Abraham K. and Delilah  
 a daughter LISA, September 1  
 KNEPP, David and Wanda  
 a son DARIN JAY, September 12  
 LENGACHER, Henry Jr. and Margaret  
 a son EZRA LAVERN, September 9  
 WAGLER, David N. and Esther  
 a son, August 26  
 WAGLER, Herman and Pauline  
 a son MARLIN, September 14  
 WITTMER, Harold and Pauline  
 a son PHILLIP, August 23

## BIRTHS, Continued

Arthur, Illinois  
**ROCHA**, Jerry (Lena Kaufman)  
 a daughter **ROSEANA**, September 21  
**YODER**, Henry (Emma D. Miller)  
 a son **NELSON**, September 11

Buchanan County, Iowa  
**BONTRAGER**, David (Anna Helmuth) Hazleton  
 a daughter **LAURA**, September 15  
**BONTRAGER**, Joe J. (Anna Raber) Hazleton  
 a son **DAVID**, August 18  
**STUTZMAN**, John E. (Mary Hershberger) Hazleton  
 a daughter **SADIE**, August 18  
**YODER**, Amos A. (Katie Mullet) Hazleton  
 a son **MARVIN**, September 20  
**YUTZY**, David (Katie Shetler) Hazleton  
 a son **ADEN**, August 16

Johnson County, Iowa  
**BONTRAGER**, Melvin (Marie Shetler)  
 a son **MELVIN JR.**, September 6  
**ROPP**, Norman (Mary Jane Helmuth)  
 a daughter **MIRIAM**, September 7  
**ROPP**, Wilbur (Verna Helmuth)  
 a son **MERVIN**, September 4

Mt. Elgin, Ontario, Canada  
**BORNTRAGER**, John Jr. (Susie Hershberger)  
 a daughter **MARY**, August 21  
**KAUFFMAN**, Menno (Mattie Stutzman)  
 a son **HENRY**, August 22

Conewango Valley, New York  
**HERSHBERGER**, John A. (Lizzianne D. Miller)  
 a son **DANIEL**, September 13  
**MILLER**, Levi Y. (Anna N. Raber)  
 a son **NOAH**, September 20  
**WENGERD**, Noah J. (Lizzie J. Miller)  
 a son **GIDEON**, September 20

## HOLMES COUNTY NOTE

Enos B. Beachy, 71, of Sugarcreek R2, Ohio, died of an apparent heart attack, at the doctor's office, Tuesday, September 26, the day before his sister's funeral, Mrs. Menno S. Miller, of Arthur, Illinois. (see obituaries)

## OBITUARIES

**BONTRAGER**, Laura, 12 days, Buchanan Co., Iowa  
 a 1 lb., 10 oz. baby born to David and Anna (Helmuth) Bontrager, born Sept. 15, died Sept. 27, funeral September 28.

**WINGARD**, Perry J., 52, of LaGrange Co., Indiana  
 died Saturday p.m., September 30. He was born June 3, 1920; married to Wilma S. Schrock, daughter of the late Sam and Mary (Bontrager) Schrock, Dec. 23, 1943. He was a son of the late Joseph J. and Fannie (Miller) Wingard. He leaves the widow and 9 children, also grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tues., October 3.

**BEACHY**, Enos B., 71, of Sugarcreek R2, Ohio

died Tuesday, September 26 of an apparent heart attack, in Dr. Gerber's office in Sugar Creek. He was born in Holmes Co., a son of the late Ben B. and Frances (Hershberger) Beachy. His first wife, Lydian Mullet died in 1968. Surviving are his wife, Polly (Chupp) Beachy; four daughters, Mrs. Amanda Miller, Beach City R1; Mrs. Abe M. (Fannie) Erb, Orrville R2; Mrs. Roman M. (Iva) Yutzy, Dundee R1; and Lela Fern, Beach City R1; two sons, Melvin, Sugarcreek R2; and Emanuel, Dundee R1; one step-daughter, Mrs. Ben (Polly Ann) Gruber, Edwardsburg, Mich.; Sam Bontrager, Centreville, Mich.; three brothers, Alvin, Baltic R1; Emanuel, Sugarcreek R1; and Atlee, of Sugarcreek R2.

Funeral services were held at the home by Bishop Jonas Bontrager. Burial was in Miller Cemetery in Sugarcreek Twp. Lots of strangers attended from Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa, including Bish. Menno S. Miller, from Arthur, Illinois, whose wife was buried only three days before, and was a sister to Enos.

**BLANK**, Mrs. Catharine, 89, of Gap R1, Pa.

died Sunday afternoon, September 17, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Jacob L. Fisher, with whom she resided. She was born in Lancaster County, a dau. of the late John P. and Sarah (Ebersol) King, and was the widow of Christian Y. Blank. She is survived by the following sons and daughters: Sarah, wife of Moses B. Zook, Gordenville R1; Henry Blank, Kitzers R1; Annie, wife of Jacob L. Fisher; Lydia, wife of Moses Stoltzfus, and Moses K. Blank, all of Gap R1; Mrs. Katie Fisher, Gap R2; 42 grandchildren, and 47 great-grandchildren; also two sisters, Mrs. Fannie Fisher, Honeybrook R1; and Miss Esther King, Gap R1; and two brothers, Amos King, Willow Street, and Moses King, of Ronks R1.

Funeral services were held at the Moses Blank residence by Gideon B. Lapp and John K. Stoltzfus; hymn read by Amos B. Zook; at graveyard by Emanuel Fisher; abschied by Henry Fisher; burial in Millwood Cemetery. Her age was 89 yr., 9 mo., and 23 days.

**BRANDENBERGER**, Deborah Jo, 16, Canden, Mich. was killed instantly Thursday, September 7 (see front page). Born in New Haven, Indiana on July 11, 1958, she was the daughter of Jacob and Melinda (Eicher) Brandenberger. Surviving are her parents, these brothers and sisters, Jacob Jr., Susan, Samuel, Mary, Esther, and Joseph; her paternal grandparents, Enos and Saloma (Schwartz) Brandenberger; maternal grandparents, Sam and Emma (Schwartz) Eicher; and her paternal great-grandmother, Leah Brandenberger. Preceding her in death was one sister, Ruth age 6 mo. who died in April 1963.

Funeral services were held Sunday at the home by Bishop Noah Eicher, New Haven, Ind., and Joe E. Schwartz, Berne, Ind. in the house; Bishop Joe Delegrave, Grabill, Ind., and Bishop Sam M. Schwartz, Branch, Mich., in the barn and nearby shed. Burial was in the Amish Cemetery.

**FLAUD, Jacob U., 76, of Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.**

died Sunday, September 10, at his residence after a lengthy illness of lung cancer. Born in Salisbury Twp., he was a son of the late Amos W. and Leah (Umble) Flaud. He was a self-employed carpenter for 55 years. In addition to his wife, Sarah L. (Beiler) Flaud, he is survived by four sons, David B., Honey Brook R2; Amos K., New Holland R1; Emanuel J., Bird-in-Hand R1; and Jacob E., Newburg R1; 18 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; a brother, Christian U., Gap R1; and a sister, Annie, wife of Benjamin B. Fisher, Lancaster.

Funeral services were held by Amos Beiler and John K. Lapp; hymn read by Dan U. Stoltzfus; burial was in Beiler's Cemetery

**GLICK, Infant son of Moses K., Quarryville R3, Pa.**

The infant son of Moses K. and Annie (Fisher) Glick, Quarryville R3, died shortly after birth at 5 p.m. Thursday, September 28, at Osteopathic Hospital. Surviving in addition to the parents are these brothers and sisters, Lizzie, Samuel, Hannah, Mary, and Anna, all at home; maternal grandmother, Mrs. Lizzie Fisher, Gap R1, and paternal grandparents, Abner S. and Hannah (King) Glick, Christiana R1.

**KNEPP, Lydia, 97, of Goshen R1, Indiana**

died Sunday, September 3, at 2:30 p.m. in the LaGrange County Hospital. She was born April 21, 1875, and had lived most of her life in the LaGrange-Elkhart area. She was married in 1897 to Henry Eash, who preceded her in death in 1909. She married Daniel Swartzentruber in 1912. He preceded her in death in 1916. In 1920 she married Levi Knepp, who preceded her in death in 1957. Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Nisley and Mrs. Emanuel Zehr, both of Goshen R1; a son, Perry of Haven, Kan.; two sisters, Mrs. Elizabeth Gingerich of Jamesport, Mo.; and Mrs. John Yoder of Weldy, Kan., and three brothers, Eli Yoder of Immokalle, Fla., Edward Yoder of Yale, Okla., and Amos Yoder of Goshen, Indiana.

Funeral services were held at the Harry Yoder residence, by Bishop Enos Troyer.

**LAPP, Elmer K., 15 mo., Lancaster R7, Pa.**

son of Daniel E. and Lydia K. (King) Lapp of 1250 Penn Grant Road, Lancaster, Pa. drowned Sept. 12 (see front page). Surviving in addition to his parents are the following brothers and sisters: Sadie, Amos, Benuel, Mary, Daniel Jr., and David, all at home. Also, the paternal grandparents, Amos S. and Barbara B. (Stoltzfus) Lapp, Strasburg R1; maternal grandparents, Benjamin L. and Sadie E. (King) King, Bird-in-Hand R1; paternal step-great-grandmother, Mrs. Sylvia Lapp, Ronks R1, and paternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Sarah B. Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1.

Funeral services were held by Henry U. Fisher and Levi E. King.

**MILLER, Fannie, 73, Arthur, Illinois**

died Sept. 24, at the age of 73 yr., 8 mo., and 17 days. The wife of Bishop Menno S. Miller, she was born Jan. 7, 1899, a daughter of the late Benjamin and Faronica (Herschberger) Beachey; married Menno S. Miller, Feb. 2, 1922, by Bishop Noah P. Beachey. Surviving are her husband, 6 sons and 2 daughters, Jacob, Alvin, Albert, Ervin, David, Harvey, Lizzie Marie, and Katie Ann; and 37 grandchildren. Preceding her in death were 3 sons and 1 daughter, Edward, Benjamin, Stephen, and Sarah. Also surviving are these brothers, Enos, Emanuel, and Atlee of Sugar Creek, and Alvin of Baltic, Ohio. Daughter Katie is married to Emanuel Troyer, who is an ordained minister. They live in Ohio but were here a few days before her death.

Funeral services were held by Miller and Herschberger from Ohio in the house, and by Eli Stutzman, and a Miller from Ohio in the little house. Mrs. Miller's brother, Enos Beachey died in Ohio Sept. 16, so the Ohio folks did not stay long.

**ZOOK, Joseph F., 84, of Ethridge, Tennessee**

died Thursday morning, September 14, after a lengthy illness. He was born in Lancaster Co., Pa., a son of the late Levi S. and Rebecca (Fisher) Zook. He is survived by 8 sons and 5 daughters, Leah, wife of Rudy S. Yoder, Port Washington, Ohio; Jonathan L., married to Annie E. Hershberger, Dalton R2, Ohio; Emma, wife of Ura E. Miller, Apple Creek, Ohio; Levi S., married to Mary E. Gingerich, Ethridge R2, Tenn.; Menno J., married to Susan A. Schrock, Apple Creek, Ohio; Eli J., married to Emma E. Gingerich, Apple Creek R1, Ohio; Annie, unmarried, Ethridge, Tenn.; Caroline, wife of John M. Stutzman, Chadsorth, Ontario; Katie, wife of Joseph N. Stutzman, Desboro, Ontario, Canada; Daniel J., married to Katie J. Gingerich, Chesley, Ontario; Peter J., married to Mary D. Yoder, Chadsorth, Ontario, Canada; Joseph J., married Katie Gingerich, Ethridge R2, Tenn.; Noah J., married Sarah N. Stutzman, Ethridge, Tenn.

Joseph Zook was first married to Annie, daughter of Pre. Christian S. and Leah (Beiler) Fisher, of Groffdale. Annie died Jan. 25, 1919; a son, Christian died Feb. 14, 1916, about 2 years old; they are buried side by side in the Gordenville Cemetery. In Oct. 1916 Joseph was ordained minister, in the Lower Pequea District. They lived about a mile east of Intercourse, where David Zook and his son Daniel now live. In the lot with him were Daniel M. King, Jacob B. King, Tobias K. Stoltzfus, and Aaron H. Glick. In Feb. 1920 he married Lizzie Z. Swartzentruber, daughter of Peter Swartzentruber of Dover, Delaware, and in 1921 he moved to Dover with his family, in two teams, a distance of 79 miles, and it took him 2½ days (not in 1896, as stated in THE DIARY, Vol. III, p. 50). In 1927 they moved to Holmes Co., Ohio, in 1930 to Wayne Co., Ohio, and later to Ethridge, Lawrence Co., Tennessee, and started a church there.

## 1972 September

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### CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

#### St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

September weather was about average, only 2½ in. rain, ½ in. the 2nd. Storm brought ½ in. the 14th. Some drizzles the 18th and 21st. The last inch fell the last three days in damp drizzly wetness. Oct. came in with a clear fresh coolness, and it seems good to be alive. A bumper hay crop was put in this year in spite of the predictions of hay shortage due to overly wet weather. Farmers have filled silos and are husking corn, getting fall seeding done, and attending barn raisings and frolics. Corn husking is done by hand in this locality. Women and girls help a lot at this job.

#### Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Bareville area rainfall for September was 1.5 in.

Market Report: Choice Fat Cattle Choice Feeder Steers, \$38.50 Cwt.; Choice Veal, .62; Fat Hogs, 31.50 Cwt.; 40 lb. Feeder Pigs, .64 lb.; Dairy Cows at New Holland, 9 top cows brought \$1000 to \$2500; Large Eggs, .30 doz.; Potatoes, \$3 to \$4 Cwt.; Ear Corn, \$48 Ton, 1.54 Bu.; Wheat, 1.65 Bu.; Barley, 1.97 Bu.; Oats, .90 Bu.; Hay, \$35 to \$74 Ton; Straw, \$38 Ton.

by Elam S. Beiler

Hand corn picking started, no mechanical picking done yet. Corn standing well though corn borer or root worm damage is showing in some fields. Looks like a good corn crop. Silo filling almost completed, still some late corn going in. No blight in this area that I know of. Still 15% of tobacco acreage to be cut. Very unusual that so much tobacco is in fields this time of year. Late tobacco is very short, some hardly worth cutting. Third cutting hay was short. Will be very little fourth cutting this year. Barns are not as full of hay as usual. Tomatoes are a good crop, somewhat smaller in size due to dry weather, but the price is good this year, as they seem to be scarce. Oats, rye, and barley are sowed, and ground is being prepared for wheat.

by Ammon F. Fisher

Total rainfall was 1.6 inches for this area, very good showers, no killing frost yet. September 10 had 34 degrees in the morning with a little frost in low spots. Perfect silo filling weather, as was lots of days, cloudy with a few sprinkles, and not so hot for the horses. Last day in September had a strong wind with ½ inch shower, getting much cooler in p.m., fall-like weather.

#### Dover, Delaware, by Neil Hershberger

September was unusually cool, enough so that corn is very slow to ripen. Temperature in the lower forties, no frost yet. Farmers are sowing fall grains, finishing silo filling, and cutting corn to shock. Corn is a good crop except in low places where it drowned out this past summer. Ample rain during the month totaling from two to three inches. Those growing hot peppers for canneries are thru with second picking, some started third picking. Crop is better than what it seemed during first picking.

#### Lebanon County, Pa., by Levi S. King

September was still mostly dry with a total of 1½ inches of rain which all came in small amounts during the month. Still some late tobacco to cut and we had no frost to harm it yet. About 75% of the silo filling is done around here, but most of the corn went in a little on the green side so far. Not much corn blight is seen this year, and looks like a good crop for husking. A lot of the Amish people in this settlement feed steers instead of dairying but they seem a little reluctant to buy feeder cattle, as yet, on account of the high prices. Dairymen also have their problems, especially the ones which don't have much hay on hand, some of them are making extra silage to help stretch the hay supply. Not many potatoes or tomatoes are grown around here anymore.

#### Adams County, Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

September was the driest month so far this year. Here at our place we had 1.2 inches, while Gettysburg had only .92. It does seem very dry. Temperature, daily average high reading came to 76.96 degrees while daily low averaged 55.03 degrees. The highest was 92 the afternoon of September 17 to a low of 40 on the 23rd. Most of the silos have been filled. The corn crop is very spotty. Farmers are trying to get their grain sowed. We saw one field of barley the other day in this neighborhood which looked very common with it nice and green in the lower places while the higher places were completely bare. The shellbark hickory nut trees are loaded with nuts this year. Oldtimers used to say it's a sign for a hard winter.

#### Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus

We had some very nice weather in the first half of September, then about the middle of the month we had several days of cloudy weather with occasional showers. The rest of the month we had changable weather, with some days very nice and sunny, also some on the cloudy side. Not quite two inches rain for the month. Silo filling has started but most of the corn wasn't ready for the silo yet. It seemed like it was standing, hardly maturing for quite awhile. We have had no hard frost yet, but several times the temperature dipped down close to freezing. Women folk were putting up garden things, with tomatoes especially plentiful this year. Lima beans were scarce. Feed grain prices are high, with corn at \$45 to \$50 per ton, also hay is higher priced than usual.

**Franklin County, Pa., by Jacob E. Flaud**

Weather was mild through September, had some good showers. Meadows and fields are turning green again after the dry weather we had in the summer. Farmers are filling silo and sowing barley. Early corn turned out good. Good hay will be scarce, dealers are asking \$40 to \$45 per ton. Potatoes are selling for 2.50 to 3.00 per bushel.

**Juniata County, Pa., by David Y. Renno**

Weather during September was about normal in rainfall and temperature, a total of 2.24 inches rain fell, making it nice to plow, and greened up the grass again. Temperature was very warm the forepart, turning to cool nights and clear days the latter part of month. Farmers are filling silo and preparing their fall seeding ground. It takes more acres than usual to fill silos. Health is good all around.

**Snyder County, Pa., by Sam R. Troyer**

The weather was fairly normal this month, with around 2 inches of rain, well scattered, a few days quite warm, no frost damage in September. Silo filling is going toward the end. Most corn is well finished, and not too big a crop. On the 27th we noticed the first geese going south, and on the 30th it began to get colder.

**Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine Swarey**

September had many nice, sunny, clear blue days. About a week of foggy mornings, lowest temperature was 30 degrees, no frost yet, 4.3 inches of rain, which made pasture fields and lawns a beautiful green again. Silo filling is nearly done, some wheat has been sowed. Evening of September 27 wild geese and katy-dids could be heard at the same time. The geese seemed to be lost, quite a lot were down in different farm ponds.

**Somerset County, Pa., by Mary A. Kinsinger**

The weather was on the dry side the first several weeks in September, but we had several scattered showers the last two weeks, which amounted to 3 in. rain. The last 3 days in September were real cloudy and damp, with 1.1 in. then. Thrashing was finished the first week or so in September, and silo filling is on the go now, but not done yet. We had our first light frost October 2nd here, but in lower places they had two frosts before this. The first on September 10, but not much damage that I know of. Tomatoes are ripening, but very slowly. The early husk corn will get ripe but later varieties aren't too good.

**Crawford Co., Pa. - Conneautville, by Menno Fisher**

Nice weather first half of month with average rainfall, latter part of month was wet, silos being filled between showers. Corn is a fair crop but not as tall as usual. We had a light frost September 23 with no noticeable damage. Some late corn may not mature properly if there is frost soon. There are quite a few vegetables in the gardens to harvest yet, if Jack Frost doesn't get them before they are ready.

**Holmes County, Ohio, by Mrs. Perry Stutzman**

Rained every day the last week in September. Men are having a muddy time to get their silos filled. Plenty tomatoes, muskmelons, and potatoes if we can get them in before they rot. Not much wheat sown around here yet by September 30.

**Southeastern Holmes County, Ohio, by John L. Yoder**

For September we had continued wet and growing weather. Second crop hay all made, silos mostly filled, very little wheat sowed. Corn slow to ripen, some varieties are pretty hard hit by blight. Plenty straw and hay. Most corn will be picked by hand.

**Eastern Holmes County, Ohio, by Ray Weaver**

September still brought us plenty of rain. Corn looks like a heavy crop. Some blight is noticed in varieties susceptible to it. Pastures made good growth all summer long, still green with a few dandelion in bloom. No frost yet.

**Barrs Mills, Ohio, by Jonas N. Bontrager**

September was a month with plenty of rain, good growing weather, no frost yet. Lots of fall pasture. Corn is a good crop. Silo filling is about past. Very little wheat sowed so far. Lots of potatoes, cucumbers, and tomatoes.

**Ashland County, Ohio, by Mary Brenneman**

The weather in September was more on the cool side, but we had some nice warm days, too. Had around 10 inches of rainfall, with half of it in the last week, when we were trying to fill silo. Corn was cut Monday and finally got the last of it in Friday, what a sloppy, muddy job! A lot of silos remain to be filled yet. New seedings of alfalfa started nicely. Plowing is done for wheat, but very little, if any, wheat is sowed yet. No frost this month.

**Branch County, Michigan, by Ora A. Gruber**

August was very dry and quite warm, more so than in 1971. September has been cool, and much rain all month. Neither month's weather pattern seemed the best for growing crops, although the corn crop has come through surprisingly good, and looks to be a fair crop. Wheat was a bumper crop this year, but it seems less farmers are sowing wheat in this area this fall, even though the prices of wheat went up, and a good outlet for it to communistic countries. I'm informed, more farmers are going with the farm program this year, therefore less wheat acreage, this could be drastic. Hay is plentiful in this area. No killing frost yet in this area, but some light frost had been seen in the muck areas latter part of September.

**Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener**

Weather for September was very wet, about 7 in. rain, which delayed bean harvest, not too many beans have been harvested. Temperature has been rather warm, not much sunshine the last week, then the 30th it cooled off at 38 degrees. Corn is drying off pretty fast, looks like a good crop.

## CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS, Continued

### Daviess County, Indiana, by Lester Marner

Very dry in August, started raining September 25 with 3½ inches since, cool with sunny days. Very little wheat sown.

### Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

The month of September, in general, a warm month with lots of rain. Mostly all silos filled, and you see a few corn shocks. Corn matured a heavy crop. Had a light frost September 22. Bean fields very weedy. Beans will soon be ready to harvest. Pastures are thriving with this bountiful moisture.

### Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

Weather has been ideal most of the summer, with rains, really more than needed. Hay and pastures have been good. The outlook is for a good corn crop.

### Aylmer, Ontario, Canada, by Leroy Eicher

September was cool and rainy. Tomatoes are slow in ripening. Silos are being filled. Pigs are up in price, \$42 Cwt., dressed. Beef is coming down.

### Conewango Valley, N. Y., by Mrs. Menno E. Miller

Silo filling is later than last year, due to our heavy rains. Also, it takes more acreage to fill a silo this year, although corn is a much better crop than feared during the summer. Apples are quite plentiful, too. Hickory nuts do not seem so plentiful this year.

## MARRIAGES

### Wayne County, Ohio

Hostetler, Miller - Uriah, son of Yost Y. and Fannie (Yoder) Hostetler, and Lydia, daughter of Roman A. and Edna (Miller) Miller, September 21.

### Holmes County, Ohio

Raber, Miller - Dan, son of John F. and Elizabeth (Yoder) Raber, and Lovina, daughter of Roy J. and Abbie (Miller) Miller.

Barkman, Raber - Roy, son of Eli J. and Mattie (Miller) Barkman, and Mary, daughter of Pre. Amos J. and Lizzie (Yoder) Raber, September 28.

### LaGrange County, Indiana

Eash, Bontrager - Levi, son of John and Verna (Miller) Eash, and Orpha, daughter of Amos W. and Wilma (Miller) Bontrager, September 14.

Hershberger, Schrock - Samuel, son of Ben and Lizzie (Miller) Hershberger, and LeAnna, daughter of Jacob and Amanda (Beachy) Schrock, by Bishop David D. Nisley, September 21.

### Buchanan County, Iowa

Helmuth, Mast - Eli, son of Mrs. Ada Helmuth, and Mary Ann, daughter of Albert Masts, by Atlee Shetler, August 31.

Beechy, Kurtz - John, son of Dan S. Beechy, and Fanny, daughter of Dan Kurtz, by John Nisley, Sept. 14.

## BAPTISMS

### Dover, Delaware

**CORRECTION** - August issue, page 145, Cora Malinda Byler, should be Cora Malinda Beachy.

### Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Upper Millcreek - Oregon District

September 24, by David S. Blank

Amos, son of Amos L. and Malinda (Fisher) Stoltzfus

David, son of Joseph and Susie (Smucker) Glick

Arie, dau. of Ezra and Katie (Ebersol) Fisher

Lavina, dau. of Eli B. and Lavina (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus

Naomi, dau. of Daniel and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Glick

West Upper Millcreek District

September 17, by David S. Blank

Daniel, son of John M. and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Allgyer

Ephraim, son of Jacob Z. and Emma (Glick) King

John, son of David and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Blank

David, son of David and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Blank

Susie, dau. of John M. and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Allgyer

Miriam, dau. of David W. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Glick

Anna, dau. of Jacob Z. and Emma (Glick) King

Annie, dau. of John and Miriam (Zook) Speicher

Rebecca, dau. of Samuel and Sarah (Beiler) Yoder

Millcreek - Witmer District

September 24, by Enos Beiler

Daniel, son of Daniel and Anna (Beiler) King

Glen, son of the late John and Jeanette (Widmark) Simonsen

John, son of Amos and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus

Benuel, son of Enos and Mary (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus

Christ, son of David and Ada (King) King

Upper Millcreek - Leola District

September 24, by Levi E. Stoltzfus

Elam, son of Aaron F. and Sadie (Lantz) Stoltzfus

Elmer, son of Jesse and Rebecca (Lapp) Stoltzfus

Amos, son of Elam S. and Katie (Glick) Zook

Daniel, son of Aaron F. and Sadie (Lantz) Stoltzfus

Anna Mary, dau. of Jesse and Rebecca (Lapp) Stoltzfus

Ruth, dau. of Amos Jr. and Miriam (Zook) Zook

Ruth, dau. of Elam S. and Katie (Glick) Zook

Fannie, dau. of John K. and Lydia (Fisher) Stoltzfus

South Groffdale District

September 24, by John L. Stoltzfus

Eli, son of Benjamin B. and Emma (Blank) King

John, son of Benjamin B. and Emma (Blank) King

Jacob, son of Omar and Anna (Blank) Beiler

Stevie, son of Stephen and Emma (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus

Katie, dau. of Elias and Fannie (Blank) Beiler

Millcreek - Monterey District

September 24, by Aaron Esh

Reuben, son of Ephraim D. and Rebecca (Esh) Riehl

Mattie, dau. of David R. and Katie (Zook) King

Naomi, dau. of Moses M. and Lizzie (Lapp) Beiler

Southeast Millcreek - Monterey District

September 17, by Aaron Esh

Christ, son of Benjamin and Barbara (Glick) Riehl

Christ, son of Jacob and Mary (Miller) Beiler

Henry, son of Henry and Malinda (Kauffman) Esh

Ben, son of Daniel and Sarah (Fisher) Stoltzfus

Elam, son of Benjamin and Lizzie (Esh) Kauffman

Anna, dau. of Henry and Malinda (Kauffman) Esh

Fannie, dau. of John K. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus

Emma, dau. of John and Mary (Riehl) Beiler

**Lower Pequea – Buena Vista District**  
 September 17, by Sam F. Stoltzfus  
 John, son of Amos and Emma (Allgyer) Zook  
 Menno, son of Abner and the late Fannie (King) Glick  
 Joseph, son of Amos and Barbara (Esh) Blank  
 Barbara, dau. of Amos and Barbara (Esh) Blank  
 Ruth, dau. of Christ and Katie (Hertzler) Lapp  
 Mary, dau. of Amos and Emma (Allgyer) Zook  
**Lower Pequea – White Horse District**  
 September 24, by Gideon M. Stoltzfus  
 Amanda, dau. of Joel and Miriam (Fisher) King  
 Katie, dau. of Joel and Miriam (Fisher) King  
 Sylvia, dau. of Stephen and Malinda (Esh) Stoltzfus  
 Lydia, dau. of John and Sadie (Stoltzfoos) Smucker  
**Lower Pequea – Spring Garden District**  
 September 24, by John F. Glick  
 John, son of Chester and Mary (Beiler) Stoltzfus  
 Amos, son of Amos and Leah (Blank) Allgyer  
 David, son of Jacob and Katie (Fisher) Blank  
 Joshua, son of Tobias and Miriam (Beiler) King  
 Anna, dau. of Jacob and Katie (Kauffman) Beiler  
 Lydia, dau. of Reuben and Mary (Petersheim) Smucker  
 Elsie, dau. of Amos and Leah (Blank) Allgyer  
 Sarah, dau. of Jonas and Lizzie (King) Beiler  
 Barbara, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Stoltzfus) Smucker  
 Katie, dau. of Jacob and Katie (Fisher) Blank  
 Priscilla, dau. of Amos and Lydia (Petersheim) Lapp  
 Barbara, dau. of Tobias and Miriam (Beiler) King  
 Malinda, dau. of Joseph and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus  
 Anna, dau. of Isaac and Lavina (Beiler) Beiler  
 Sadie, dau. of Levi and Lizzie (King) Beiler  
 Fannie, dau. of Gideon and Rebecca (Lapp) Riehl  
**Middle Pequea – Belmont District**  
 September 24, by Jonathan King  
 Rachel, dau. of Katie (Lapp) and the late Christ King  
 Sarah, dau. of John and Hannah (Stoltzfus) Beiler  
 Elizabeth, dau. of David Z. and Mary (Lapp) Esh  
 Emma, dau. of Emanuel and Rebecca (King) Fisher  
 Lavina, dau. of Samuel and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Fisher  
**Middle Pequea – West Intercourse District**  
 September 17, by Jonas S. Lapp  
 Annie, dau. of Stephen and Mary (King) Lantz  
 Katie, dau. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Lapp) Fisher  
 Annie, dau. of John and Mary (Petersheim) Esh  
 Lorraine, dau. of Elam J. and Hannah (Fisher) Stoltzfus  
 Emma, dau. of Enos and Emma (Stoltzfus) Esh  
 Lena, dau. of Levi and Mary (Beiler) Esh  
**Middle Pequea – Gordonville District**  
 September 24, by Jonas S. Lapp  
 Henry, son of Samuel and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Lapp  
 John, son of John and Lydia (Smoker) Stoltzfus  
 Samuel, son of Jonas and Katie (King) Lapp  
 Levi, son of Aaron and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Fisher  
 Rebecca, dau. of John and Lydia (Smoker) Stoltzfus  
 Drusilla, dau. of Andy and Mattie (Lapp) Kinsinger  
 Priscilla, dau. of Samuel and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Lapp  
 Sarah, dau. of Aquilla and Fannie (Beiler) Stoltzfus  
 Emma, dau. of Levi S. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Fisher  
**Upper Pequea – Soudersburg District**  
 October 1, by Sylvan F. Stoltzfus  
 John, son of Gideon B. and Mary (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus  
 Alvin, son of Gideon F. and Lizzie (King) Lapp  
 Isaac, son of Isaac S. and Fannie (Lapp) Fisher

Eli, son of Gideon F. and Lizzie (King) Lapp  
 Reuben, son of Daniel and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) Esh  
 Erbie, son of John M. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus  
 Alvin, son of Ephraim and Fannie (King) Glick  
 Stevie, son of Isaac S. and Fannie (Lapp) Fisher  
 David, son of Daniel L. and Arie (Fisher) Stoltzfus  
 Rebecca, dau. of Daniel and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) Esh  
 Emma, dau. of Gideon F. and Lizzie (King) Lapp  
 Malinda, dau. of Stephen U. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Fisher  
 Esther, dau. of Joseph L. and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Fisher  
 Barbara, dau. of Gideon B. and Mary (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus  
 Sara, dau. of Mary (Blank) and the late Christ Stoltzfus  
 Lizzie, dau. of Daniel and Rachel (Fisher) Stoltzfoos  
 Rebecca, dau. of Daniel L. and Arie (Fisher) Stoltzfus  
 Lydia, dau. of Gideon F. and Lizzie (King) Lapp  
**Upper Pequea – Ronks District**  
 September 17, by John M. Beiler  
 Aaron, son of Amos and Rachel (Lapp) Fisher  
 Elmer, son of Christ and Lydia (Lapp) Beiler  
 Jacob, son of Amos and Rachel (Lapp) Fisher  
 Verna, dau. of Phares and Mary (Beiler) Beiler  
 Anna, dau. of Sam and Lydia (King) Beiler  
 Rosa, dau. of Jacob and Lydiann (Zehr) Beiler  
 Amanda, dau. of Stephen and Lydia (King) Esh  
**Upper Pequea – Strasburg District**  
 September 24, by Christ M. Fisher  
 Amos, son of Samuel B. and Lydia (Fisher) King  
 Sam, son of Ephraim J. and Sarah (Beiler) Esh  
 Melvin, son of Phares and Rebecca (Lapp) Fisher  
**Beaver Creek District**  
 October 1, by Amos S. Lapp  
 Melvin, son of Eli B. and Katie (Beiler) Stoltzfus  
 Amos, son of Jonathan Z. and Barbara (Esh) Beiler  
 Reuben, son of Aaron K. and Ruth (Smoker) Fisher  
 Benuel, son of Amos S. and Barbara (Stoltzfus) Lapp  
 Barbara, dau. of Christ L. and Sarah (Lapp) Fisher  
 Katie, dau. of John and Arie (Esh) King  
 Sarah, dau. of John and Rebecca (Fisher) Glick  
 Susie, dau. of Henry and Mary (Stoltzfus) Fisher  
**Quarryville District**  
 September 24, by Amos S. Lapp  
 Ben, son of Jacob and Katie (Beiler) Beiler  
 Amos, son of Aquilla and Mary (Zook) King  
 Jacob, son of Amos L. and Rachel (King) Stoltzfus  
 Daniel, son of Amos L. and Rachel (King) Stoltzfus  
 Paul, son of Amos and Fannie (Esh) Beiler  
 Fannie, dau. of Aquilla and Mary (Zook) King  
 Annie, dau. of John and Sadie (King) Zook  
 Annie, dau. of John and Mary (Esch) Beiler  
 Sarah, dau. of Amos and Rachel (Fisher) King  
**Georgetown – West District**  
 September 17, by Amos L. Beiler  
 Jonas, son of Abner and Hannah (King) Glick  
 Aaron, son of Daniel and Sarah (Stoltzfus) King  
 John, son of Enos and Rachel (Stoltzfus) King  
 Elsie, dau. of Ammon and Sarah (Huyard) King  
 Lydia, dau. of Isaac and Savilla (Beiler) King  
 Susie, dau. of Amos and Lizzie (Fisher) Glick  
 Emma, dau. of Jacob and Sarah (Fisher) Miller  
**Georgetown – East District**  
 September 24, by Amos L. Beiler  
 Levi, son of Stephen and Sarah (Fisher) Esh  
 David, son of Enos K. and Barbara (Stoltzfus) King

Benuel, son of Levi K. and Lydia (Beiler) Smoker  
 Daniel, son of Jacob and Rebecca (Kauffman) Esh  
 Isaac, son of John and Emma (King) King  
 Ben, son of Stephen and Sarah (Fisher) Esh  
 Barbara, dau. of Elam and Katie (Beiler) Beiler  
 Savilla, dau. of Amos L. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Beiler  
 Elizabeth, dau. of Christ and Lizzie (Beiler) Fisher  
 Emma, dau. of John and Emma (King) King  
 Barbara, dau. of Jacob and Rebecca (Kauffman) Esh  
 Smyrna District  
 September 17, by Joel Zook  
 Henry, son of Daniel and Rachel (Fisher) Fisher  
 Ivan, son of Levi and Leah (Fisher) Miller  
 Anna, dau. of Sol and Rebecca (Fisher) Stoltzfus  
 Katie, dau. of Daniel and Rachel (Fisher) Fisher  
 Sylvia, dau. of Elam and Mary (Beiler) Zook  
 Verna, dau. of Benjamin and Mary (Kauffman) Lantz  
 West Nine Points District  
 September 24, by Samuel S. Kauffman  
 Ben, son of Joseph and Susie (Esh) Kauffman  
 Amos, son of Joseph and Susie (Esh) Kauffman (twins)  
 Ben, son of Samuel M. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus  
 John, son of Stephen M. and Rebecca (Kauffman) Stoltzfus  
 Amos, son of Samuel K. and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Fisher  
 Daniel, son of Daniel and Lizzie (Beiler) Yoder  
 Ben, son of Samuel S. and Sarah (Esh) Kauffman  
 Jonas, son of Samuel and Katie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus  
 Mary, dau. of Sadie (Stoltzfus) and the late Jacob Stoltzfus  
 Rachel, dau. of Stephen and Rebecca (Kauffman) Stoltzfus  
 Rebecca, dau. of Samuel S. and Sarah (Esh) Kauffman

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania  
 Byler District  
 September 10, by Jacob E. Byler  
 Rudy, son of Dea. Amos Yoder  
 Jesse, son of Samuel Peight  
 Naomi, dau. of Pre. Ezra Kanagy  
 Katie, dau. of Rudy Byler  
 Upper Middle District  
 September 3, by Emanuel Peachy  
 Jonas, son of Pre. Daniel L. Peachey  
 Samuel, son of Ezra Swarey  
 Lizzie, dau. of Ezra Swarey  
 Sara, dau. of Ezra Swarey  
 Julia, dau. of Pre. Daniel M. Peachey  
 Upper District  
 September 10, by Emanuel Peachey  
 John, son of Dea. John Swarey  
 Phares, son of Dea. John Swarey  
 Josiah, son of Jesse S. Peachey  
 Sylvia, dau. of Jesse S. Peachey  
 Annie, dau. of Pre. Korie Yoder

Somerset County, Pennsylvania  
 Upper District, by Bennie Yoder  
 Noah, son of Elmer S. Yoder  
 Bennie, son of Alvin Peacheys  
 Olen, son of Sam Peacheys  
 Malinda, dau. of Joe Slabaugh  
 Lower District, by Albert Brenneman  
 Sadie, dau. of David Beachy  
 Nancy, dau. of Milt Beachy  
 Edna, dau. of Wilmer Yoder

Lebanon County, Pennsylvania  
 West Lebanon District  
 September 17, by Isaac H. Zook  
 David, son of John and Salome Smoker  
 Samuel, son of Annie (King) and the late Isaac Lapp  
 Fannie, dau. of Levi Z. and Annie Lapp  
 East Lebanon District  
 September 24, by Isaac H. Zook  
 Noah, son of Isaac H. and Mattie Zook  
 Rebecca, dau. of Jacob and Salome Stoltzfus  
 Ruth, dau. of Ammon and Sarah Fisher  
 Sarah, dau. of Jacob and Salome Stoltzfus

Holmes County, Ohio  
 Eli E. Hershberger District  
 September 10, by Eli E. Hershberger  
 Emanuel, son of John F. and Elizabeth Raber  
 Jonas, son of John L. Yoder (from Dan N. Yoder District)  
 Edna, dau. of Min. Alvin and Katieann Hershberger  
 Lydian, dau. of Monroe L. and Susie Yoder  
 Lucinda, dau. of Susie Yoder  
 Dan N. Yoder District  
 September 10, by Dan N. Yoder  
 Verna, dau. of Joe D. and Susie Yoder  
 Fannie, dau. of Henry E. and Katie Yoder  
 Anna, dau. of Noah and Emma Mast  
 Fannie, dau. of Min. Neal C. and Mary Miller  
 Annie, dau. of Mose A. and Mattie Miller  
 Dan J. D. Miller District  
 September 10 by Dan Schlabach  
 Ray, son of Albert and Katieann Miller  
 Levi, son of Dea. Henry and Anna Mast  
 Owen, son of Mose and Sara Hershberger  
 Mose, son of Bishop Dan J. D. and Mary Miller  
 Susie, dau. of Jacob M. and Emma Mast  
 Ella, dau. of Eli M. and Susie Mast  
 Clara, dau. of Min. Jacob N. and Mary Yoder  
 Andrew E. Yoder District  
 September 17, by Andrew E. Yoder  
 Sara, dau. of Min. Mose A. and Lizzie Yoder  
 Alma, dau. of John S. and Susie Troyer  
 Effie, dau. of Jonas M. and Fannie Troyer  
 Amanda, dau. of Noah T. and Anna Yoder  
 Iva, dau. of Abe A. and Fannie Troyer  
 Dena, dau. of John G. and Katie Troyer  
 Dan G. Yoder District  
 September 17, by Dan G. Yoder  
 Jonas, son of Dan J. and Katieann Raber  
 John, son of Jonas A. and Amanda Nisley  
 Esther, dau. of Henry A. and Katie Raber  
 Amanda, dau. of Min. Noah N. and Susan Yoder  
 Edna, dau. of Min. Mose J. and Lydian Nisley  
 Katie Ann, dau. of Andy N. and Susan Yoder  
 Val. Hershberger District  
 September 10, by Dan G. Yoder  
 Amos, son of Christ G. and Katie Yoder  
 Alvin, son of Mrs. Val Hershberger  
 Henry, son of Christ G. and Katie Yoder  
 Mabel, dau. of John E. and Katie Hershberger  
 Sara, dau. of Henry C. and Ella Yoder  
 Emma, dau. of Elias M. and Mattie Raber

**Brush Run District**  
 September 3, by Melvin J. Miller  
 Mabel, dau. of Min. Atlee C. and Edna Miller  
 Wilma, dau. of Eli J. and Katie Troyer  
 Katie, dau. of Bishop Melvin and Mattie Miller  
 Millersburg, Ohio, September 10  
 Roy, son of Obed M. and Dena Yoder  
 Eddie, son of Dan and Amanda Hershberger  
 Edna, dau. of Dan and Amanda Hershberger  
 Annie, dau. of Ben M. and Ada Miller  
 Ella, dau. of Henry and Sarah Burkholder  
 Martha, dau. of Henry and Sarah Burkholder  
 Clara, dau. of Pre. Sim and Anna Miller  
 Arie, dau. of Albert and Ada Gingerich  
 Annie, dau. of Pete and Barbara Troyer  
**Berlin Northeast District**  
 Sept. 3, by Nelson Miller, Hartville, Ohio  
 Levi P. Miller, Wayne R. Weaver, Elsie Yoder,  
 Betty, and Carrie Miller  
**Bunker Hill North District**  
 By Bishop Dan E. Schlabach  
 Mattie J. Kaufman, Anna D. Miller, Sara J. Weaver,  
 Lizzie, C. Miller, Ella J. Bowman, Ivan L. Yoder,  
 Atlee R. Coblenz, Abe L. Yoder, Andy D. Weaver,  
 and Roy J. Kaufman.  
**Bunker Hill South District**  
 By Bishop Joe Yoder  
 Atlee Burkholder, Mervin Raber, Martha Miller,  
 Fannie Burkholder, and Betty Troyer.  
**East Sugar Creek District**  
 September 17, by Andy N. Troyer  
 Mary Ann, dau. of Roman E. and Ada Miller  
 Rhoda, dau. of Menno S. and Mattie Beachy  
 Mose A., son of Andy J. B. and Lizzie Miller  
**Barrs Mills West District**  
 September 10, by Noah J. Coblenz  
 Freda, dau. of Ivan E. and Susan Shetler  
 Elsie, dau. of Dan W. and Anna Yoder  
 Amanda, dau. of Dan W. and Anna Yoder  
 Freda, dau. of Henry J. and Barb Shrock  
**Daviess County, Indiana**  
**Middle South District**  
 September 24, by Bishop Ben E. Wagler  
 Wilmer, son of Alva Raber  
**Middle West District**  
 September 24, by Bishop Levi Gruber  
 Clara, dau. of Ora Knepp  
 Naomi Ruth, dau. of John Henry Wagler  
**Northeast District**  
 October 1, by Bishop Joe L. Gruber  
 Gene, son of Ralph Marner  
 Sam, son of Noah E. Wagler  
 Ruth, dau. of Pete Eicher  
 Anna, dau. of Abraham Knepp  
**Ontario, Canada**  
**Mt. Elgin District, August 6**  
 David Stutzman, Crist Bontrager, Felty Miller,  
 Joe Yoder, Mary Kauffman, Polly Stutzman,  
 Katie Miller, Mary Troyer, and Mary Bontrager.  
**Aylmer District, August 27**  
 Ezra Wagler, Eva Slaughbaugh, and Nancy Eicher.

**LaGrange County, Indiana**  
 Sept. 3, in Pete Miller District  
 Ray, son of Pete and Lizzie Miller  
 Wilbur, son of Olen and Irene Wingard  
 David, son of Vernon and Ada Miller  
 Dewayne, son of Perry and Ida Bontrager  
 Betty, daughter of Pete and Lizzie Miller  
 Sept. 10, in Abe Yoder (Yoder District)  
 By Bishop Abe A. Yoder  
 Amos, son of Levi W. Bontragers  
 David, son of Mahlon A. Millers  
 Fannie, dau. of Noah M. Millers  
 Ella, dau. of Amos R. Bontragers  
 Marietta, dau. of Jerry E. Millers  
 Sept. 3, in Roy M. Miller, Barrens District  
 By Bishop Henry N. Miller  
 Marietta, dau. of Edward Lehmans  
 Susie, dau. of Eli Gingerichs  
 Lydia, dau. of Dan Coblenz  
 Martha, dau. of John M. Bontragers  
 Wilma, dau. of Freeman M. Yoders  
 Sept. 24, in Henry N. Miller, South District  
 Vernon, son of David S. Yoders  
 Harley, son of Samuel Wongards  
 Clarence, son of William Schrocks  
**Arthur, Illinois**  
 Sept. 17, in Dan A. Miller, Bourbon District  
 Menno, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Miller  
 David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert M. Miller  
 Raymond, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam H. Miller  
**Buchanan County, Iowa**  
**Northwest District**  
 August 27, by Jacob Petersheim, Clark, Mo.  
 Mervin, son of Albert Mast  
 Ada, dau. of Bishop Atlee Shetler  
 Mattie, dau. of Dan Kaufman  
**Middle East District**  
 September 3, by Levi Bontrager  
 Andy, son of Menno J. Schwarz  
 Ida Mae, dau. of Henry J. Yoder  
 Caroline, dau. of Abner Schwarz  
**Southeast District**  
 September 8, by Bishop Nisly  
 Perry, son of William E. Bontrager  
 Emanuel, son of John Nisly  
 Alvin, son of Abe J. Yoder  
 Elisabeth, dau. of Dan A. Helmuth  
**Johnson County, Iowa**  
**Glen Bender District**  
 September 3, by Glen Bender  
 Perry, son of Henry Bender  
 Amos, son of Lester Swartz  
 Duane, son of Emery Miller  
 Chris, son of Levi Gruber, of Michigan  
 Lydia, dau. of Dea. LeRoy Bontrager  
 Catherine, dau. of Eldon Ropp  
**Enos Swartzendruber District**  
 September 3, by Enos Swartzendruber  
 Perry, son of Pre. Toby Miller  
 Clayton, son of Emanuel Bontrager  
 Lula Belle, dau. of Chester Miller  
 Marie, dau. of Harley Coblenz

Grossmont near Rockfield

June 26 Saw 1843 sp  
G. Grayi var Will.  
with species of sandhill  
waterfowl.

June 11 Saw April 1852 sp  
G. obscurus var. Grayi  
species sandhill waterfowl.

June 24 Saw Zugmayer  
1865 sp. abus. Patozum  
species sandhill waterfowl.

June 27 Saw April 1873  
sp. G. Will with species  
of sandhill waterfowl.

Now in Lebewohl's  
natural history

July 4 Saw 1903 sp  
var. sinuosa Will with species  
of sandhill waterfowl.

June 19 Saw - Hasselbach's  
1905 sp. var. Will. Grayi  
species sandhill waterfowl.  
July 6 Saw 1904 sp.  
var. obesa Will with  
species sandhill waterfowl.

June 5 Saw October 1913 sp.  
var. obsca Will with species  
of sandhill waterfowl.

June 3 Saw October 1915 sp.  
var. sinuosa Grayi with species  
of sandhill waterfowl.

REGINA, THE GERMAN CAPTIVE;  
or,  
TRUE PIETY AMONG THE LOWLY.

By Rev. R. Weiser

Continued from last month

Chapter XII — Regina at Home Again—Her Habits—Her Awkward Predicament—How she learned German the Second Time—Her Imperfect Religion—Her True Conversion to God—Her Connection with the Lutheran Church—Mrs. Hartman's Cup of Joy full—Heaven upon Earth—Religion the best of all

We last saw Regina in the arms of her affectionate mother in the public square at Carlisle. Mrs. Hartman did not speak to her daughter immediately. More than this, there was such a crowd gathered around the mother and daughter, that they had no opportunity to converse; and they were so overwhelmed with joy that mere words were entirely inadequate to convey their thoughts to each other. There is a language far more expressive than words; the deep and silent gaze of affection reaches into the heart to an extent that words never could. Mrs. Hartman was wild—yea, almost frantic with delight, and Regina was in the same happy mood. It was a moment of exquisite joy, and almost compensated her for the hardships and sorrows she had endured in her long captivity.

When her mother went to the tavern, which was close by, Regina followed her. They went into a private room. No one was there but Mrs. Hartman, Regina, Susan, Colonel Boquet, and Christian. The mother then first addressed her daughter, but got no answer. This affected her heart very much, and she wept when she found her daughter did not speak to her. Even then the dark thought rapidly flitted through her mind,—"Perhaps, after all, it is not Regina;" but, no, it must be she. How else could she have sung—

"Alone, and yet not all alone, am I?"

And then there were her large, full, blue eyes,—the only part of her beautiful countenance that the rude Indian habits could not mar or destroy; and the mother went up to her and parted her dark-brown, coarse-looking hair, and under that saw the vestiges of her once beautiful auburn hair.

Regina attempted to speak to her mother, but could not. She had forgotten how to frame and pronounce words in German. She had picked up a few French words from a young Indian woman, who had come from Canada, and who lived near her in New York. She could say nothing but "me chere mere, ma chere mere"—"my dear mother, my dear mother;" but this was all Greek to Mrs. Hartman. At last, she asked her whether she could not talk German any more. She shook her head. Mrs. Hartman then began to see how matters stood,—viz.: that Regina had forgotten how to speak German. Colonel Boquet had sent for his Canadian German, who could speak English, German, and Indian, and had a long conversation with Regina and her mother, until he was fully satisfied that Mrs. Hartman

had really found her daughter. Of course, Regina remained with her mother, and they talked by signs. Mrs. Hartman asked her if she knew Christian? she shook her head.

They ate their supper; and Susan—having been put under Mrs. Hartman's care until she should be claimed, of course became one of the Hartman family. At night, when they retired to rest, as the tavern was pretty well thronged, Mrs. Hartman, Regina, and Susan had to occupy one bed. Before they retired Mrs. Hartman kneeled down with the girls and prayed. She poured out her heart to God in thankfulness. But they had been in bed a very little time until Regina and Susan got up, which somewhat alarmed Mrs. Hartman, until by signs and motions she was made to understand that they could not sleep in a bed. The Indians have no beds; they sleep on skins and leaves, but never in beds. Regina could not rest in a good soft bed; she, therefore, took a blanket and spread it on the floor, and she and Susan slept very comfortably on the hard boards. Habit seems to be every thing.

Bright and early Mrs. Hartman was up the next morning; and, as soon as breakfast was over, they started. Mrs. Hartman took Regina behind her on the horse, and Christian took Susan. They had a pleasant trip home.

As soon as it was known that Mrs. Hartman had found her daughter, all the neighbors called to see her, and congratulated her on her good fortune. Her home now appeared as pleasant as ever. God had restored her daughter; and Mrs. Hartman felt truly thankful to her heavenly Father for his goodness and mercy. Her life was now to be more devoted to his service.

When they first approached the house, Regina recollects the tall old pine-tree that stood in the yard, throwing its wide-spreading arms over the neat little cottage, and, like a faithful sentinel, protecting it from the sunshine and the storm. How Regina's heart leaped for joy when she recognized this old companion of her youth, under whose dense foliage she had so often sat and laughed and played! When she first saw it she cried out, "Wash-ock! wash-ock!" which means, the green tree. She had forgotten the German word, "baum"—tree, and, therefore, used the Indian word.

Many amusing scenes might have been witnessed between Regina and the neighbors who called to see her. They could not understand how Regina should have forgotten the German, which was so plain to them. An old, loquacious lady said she could make her talk. She went up to her and took her by the hand, and said, "Come now, Regina, let us talk together;" but Regina could not utter one word in German, so she commenced talking in the Indian language. The old lady was fairly outdone, and gave it up, confessing that the girl had lost her German. Then a grave question arose among the party—will Regina ever be able to learn the German again? The matter was fully discussed; and, finally, it was agreed to by all, that she could never learn German, for she was too old. But those good people were not much acquainted with

the laws of mind, or they would have come to a different conclusion. Those who have thought most on the structure and constitution of the human mind tell us, that early impressions are never obliterated or erased from the mind, and what we call forgetting, is nothing more than a covering up of the first ideas. And the process of recollection is nothing more than an uncovering—something like unrolling an Egyptian mummy. So it is with language; the first one a child learns will remain in the mind, and, under proper circumstances, will come to the light. Mr. Abercrombie, in his "Mental Philosophy," gives many illustrations of this fact. Dr. Muhlenberg, too, says that he sometimes met with Swedes who had not spoken their mother-tongue for more than half a century, and yet, on their deathbed, they always prayed in the Swedish language.

Dr. Rush confirms this statement; for he informs us that, when attending persons who had not spoken their mother-tongue for forty, fifty, or sixty years, the long lost language would invariably return at the approach of death, and they would sing and pray in the language of their youth.

Dr. Samuel Johnson, it is said, when he came to die, did not speak in the majestic and lofty language of his own creation. He forgot the sweet cadences of those beautiful Latin hymns which he so much admired, but was heard to utter the simple little prayers he had heard and learned to lisp at his mother's knees.

The celebrated Mr. Tennent, a pious Presbyterian preacher, who had made considerable progress in Latin, when he had nearly finished his education fell into a trance, and came very near being buried alive. When he recovered from his trance he had forgotten all his Latin, and commenced to study it the second time. One day, while he was trying to read a page in Cornelius Nepos, he was startled by the rushing of something through his brain, and a moment after he recollect ed all he had forgotten.

So with Regina. Her German was not forgotten; it was only covered up under the rubbish of the Indian tongue, and, by degrees, her knowledge of the German returned. And when she found herself able to converse in German, many and many an hour was spent by the family in listening to her account of her hardships and her sufferings. Her prayers and hymns she had not forgotten. These she never neglected; and the reciting of these kept the idea of an ever-present God always alive in her heart. Oh, how important it is that children should early be taught the true knowledge of God even in their infancy. God only knows where their lot may be cast, and how much may depend upon their knowledge of God. Let all children learn to "know God and his Son Jesus Christ, whom to know aright is life eternal."

Regina, as may very readily be imagined, in consequence of her long residence among uncultivated and uncivilized barbarians, was very awkward in her manners and uncouth in her habits. For instance, she did not, as we have already seen, like to lie on a soft bed; she did not even like to sit on a chair; she

preferred, Indian fashion, to sit on the ground. She could not bear her clothes at all tight on her body. Nor did she know how to use the knife and fork at the table; and it was some time before she could get used to her mother's way of cooking. She was very fond of nuts of all kinds; and the acorns of the white-oak, when dried, she preferred even to hickory nuts. She showed her mother how the Indians cured and kept them. They gathered them late in the fall, put them in bags that would hold about a half-bushel, and hung them in the chimney,—or, when they had no chimney, in the loft under the rafters,—where they would be smoked. It is said, when thus dried, the acorn will lose its bitter taste and become almost as sweet as the chestnut.

By degrees, Regina learned to speak German. She listened very attentively to the other members of the family; and in some two or three months she began to express herself in German. The blunders she sometimes made, in using Indian words with her German, were very amusing. She loved to hear her mother reading, and especially in the Bible. When she was able to converse readily with her mother, she was very anxious to know where the Bible came from. And when her mother told her that it came from God, she wanted to know all about it;—how God gave it, and when, and to whom? So her mother had to tell her all she knew about it, which was not much, it is true; but, still, it satisfied her curiously. She told her that God gave the commandments to the children of Israel; that her old pastor at Reutlingen, in Germany, when she went to catechize, had explained the matter to her, and, she was sure, if any body understood the matter, he did. The fact is, she was a simple, pious child of God, and believed all that God said in his blessed word.

It might be said of her,—

"The terms of disputative art  
Had never reached her ear;  
She laid her hand upon her heart,  
And only answered, 'Here.'"

When Regina could speak German pretty well again, she was exceedingly anxious to be able to read. So her mother and her brother Christian taught her, and Susan also. They soon mastered the A B C's; and during the long winter nights, they both learned to read. Regina used to say, "Oh, if she could only converse with God, and have God converse with her, she would be so happy!" She had learned in her catechism that we converse with God in prayer, and that he converses with us in his word. Hence her anxiety to read his word.

In the spring of 1766 she was sent to Tulpehocken to catechize; and on Whitsuntide she was confirmed according to the usages of the Lutheran church. The pastor (Rev. J. N. Kurtz) was very faithful in the discharge of his duty. He was a pious and holy man of the Franckean school. He came to this country as a candidate from Halle in 1745, and, for a few years, was assistant preacher to Dr. H. M. Muhlenberg. He was a man of deep Christian experience,—as were all the ministers who were educated at Halle. These

men came here to do good, to build up a spiritual temple to the Lord. Muhlenberg, Handshuh, Heinzelman, Krug, Rouss, J. Nicholas Kurtz and William Kurtz, and many others, were all men of this school. Practical piety was of more importance to them than a mere dead orthodoxy.

While attending a course of lectures under the Rev. J. N. Kurtz, Regina and nearly all the young people who attended with her became deeply interested in the salvation of their souls. The pastor was true to his charge, and, by prayer and exhortation, he continued to pour the light and truth of the gospel into their minds. He found this an excellent opportunity for doing good. He addressed the children personally and directly.

One day, just before confirmation, Regina came home much depressed in mind,—so much so that the fond eye of her mother noticed that something was wrong with her.

"What is the matter, my child?" said the mother.

"Oh!" said Regina, unable to suppress the rising emotion of her troubled heart, "I do not know; but I feel so bad. I have been such a great sinner. And the minister today explained from the Catechism the nature of conversion; and, among other things, he said we must all be converted or be lost. Then we all sang that beautiful hymn out of the Catechism,—

"Steh armes kind wo eilst du hin,  
Erkenne dein verdarben."

Here she burst out in an uncontrollable fit of weeping. Her heart was almost broken, and she could say no more.

Her mother, who had once been an awakened sinner, knew at once what was the matter. The Spirit of God had touched her heart, and the waters of repentance were flowing from her eyes. The pious mother thanked God, and directed her as well as she could to the Savior. Regina prayed much that night and the few days that intervened before her confirmation; but she found no peace.

On Saturday, early in the morning, she and her mother started before day to travel about twenty miles; for they had to go that distance to church. Regina was deeply distressed when they came to the good old pastor's house. He lived near the place where the Tulpehocken church stands; it was then a log church. The pastor received them kindly, and soon inquired into Regina's spiritual state, and found her to be deeply penitent. He was, of course, glad to see this, and talked very affectionately with her, and directed her to the Lamb of God, who beareth the sins of the world. He told her she must give her heart to the Lord Jesus.

The other children now all gathered at the house of the sexton, who lived in the woods; and there the girls all put on their pretty white caps, and, being all dressed in white, made a fine appearance. This used to be the custom in our church; it was a useless, though an innocent custom. It was, perhaps, originally intended to typify the innocence of the catechumens, and was handed down, some suppose, from the days of the apostles.

Webster says,—"Whitsuntide—the feast of Pentecost—is derived from white, Sunday, and tide, and is so called because, in the primitive church, those who were newly baptized, or the catechumens, appeared at church in white garments." The word tide means a season.

Well, the girls—some eighteen or twenty in number—put on their nice white caps, and assembled in the school-house, where the pastor met them, and, after singing and prayer, they were examined before the church council. They were all deeply affected. From the school-house they marched in procession to the church, where a large congregation was assembled. The pastor then preached an excellent sermon from Isaiah lxi. 8:—"And I will make an everlasting covenant with them." He preached faithfully and powerfully, and deep were the impressions made upon the hearts of all. The young people were so much excited that you could hear them weeping and sobbing all over the house; and many a sturdy sinner, who was reminded of bygone days, was affected to tears.

The children were then called to the altar, where they took upon themselves the vows their parents had made for them in baptism. They then knelt down, and the man of God laid his hands on them and offered up a short prayer. This is confirmation. But he took care to exhort them to give themselves away to the Lord in an everlasting covenant. Regina did this, and found peace in believing in Christ her Savior. She felt that the burden of sin was removed and she had found her Savior. Oh, how happy she was! Jesus was now precious to her heart; and she could now sing that beautiful German hymn,—

"Ich habe nun den Grund gefunden."

This is one of the most spiritual hymns in any language; and we will here furnish you with Mr. Mills's translation of it into English. It was composed by Rothe.

"I now have found, for hope of heav'n,  
An anchor-ground that firm will hold;  
One—through the cross of Jesus giv'n,  
By God predestin'd from of old;  
A ground that shall enduring stay  
When earth and skies have pass'd away.

"'Tis mercy,—mercy never-ending,  
Whose measure all our thoughts excels;  
The arms of pity wide-extending,  
Of Him whose heart for sinners feels,  
And whose compassion warns his foes  
To fly from sin and endless woes.

"Of all beside were I forsak'n  
That could my soul or body cheer;  
If ev'ry joy of earth were tak'n,  
And not a friend were left me here,—  
One joy remains—the brightest, best,—  
With pard'ning love I still am blest.

"Upon this ground I will sustain me  
As long as earth my dwelling prove;  
To serve my God and Savior train me,  
Till, dying, I shall rise above;—  
And there, rejoicing, will adore  
Unbounded mercy evermore!"

This does not give the full unction of the original; but it is the best we have.

Regina and her mother did not go home that day. One of the elders of the church invited them to his house, where they remained for the purpose of attending the communion on the following Sabbath. They had a refreshing time of it. God was in their midst; and they went on their way rejoicing.

On their way home Regina told her mother what the Lord had done for her soul. They were both very happy; the mother rejoiced in the conversion of her daughter, and the daughter rejoiced in her new spiritual life. Oh, how pleasantly their days and hours moved along!

Regina applied her mind to improvement and made rapid progress. She often looked back upon her past life, and thanked God for having led her by a way that she knew not. The Lord had meant it all for her good. She was now, after all her sufferings and toils, brought to a knowledge of God. Her father was dead, George and Barbara were no more; but her Savior lived.

That summer Regina and her mother made a visit to Philadelphia, where they had an interview with Dr. Henry M. Muhlenberg,—from whom Regina received a Bible and hymn-book, which she kept till the day of her death. It was during this visit that Dr. Muhlenberg received from Regina's own lips the account which he has given us of her thrilling history, and of which this is an enlargement.

### CHAPTER XIII.

The Widow's Home made Happy—Christian and Susan—Their Conversion—Connection with the Church—Courtship and Marriage.

After Regina's conversion she became very active in discharging all her known duties. Prayer was her pleasure and delight. She often retired to converse in secret with her Savior. She knew that Christians must be "the salt of the earth" and "the light of the world," and that they were not to "hide their light under a bushel." Her sphere of usefulness, it is true, was limited. There were few neighbors, and but few strangers ever came to that obscure and remote corner where she lived; but there was Christian, her brother, now fast approaching manhood, and Susan, who was bound to her heart by a thousand ties. Though both well trained in their moral feelings, yet they lacked the one thing needful; for Regina never was taught by her Bible or her pastor that baptism was regeneration. She, therefore, frequently talked with them about their souls' salvation. They soon saw what they were by nature. And it was agreed that Regina should teach Christian and Susan the catechism; and that next Easter they should also attend a course of lectures at the Tulpehocken church,—which they did, and both were brought to a saving knowledge of the truth.

Time passed on; we have not space to record all the many incidents that occurred in the Hartman family. Suffice it to say, that the widow's heart was made glad by the piety and obedience of her children. Her husband and George and Barbara were in heaven,

as she really believed, and herself and Regina and Christian were on the way to that happy, happy home.

Several years rolled by without producing any more than the ordinary changes. Christian was now a man. He was past twenty-one years old; and Susan, as near as they could come at her age, was about nineteen. She was not tall, but thickly-set and closely-knit, with dark raven hair and piercing black eyes. She had, by carefully protecting her face from the sun, lost much of her Indian color. She was cheerful and lively, and very even-tempered, and rather shy. It was not much to be wondered at that Christian should form an attachment for her. They were often together, and, before they knew it, they loved each other. It is true they tried to hide it from Regina and her mother; but Mrs. Hartman had penetration enough to see it. They had no occasion to be ashamed of loving each other. There was no impropriety in doing what all have done from the beginning and will do to the end of time. Men and women were made to love each other. But, somehow or other, these modest and pious young people thought nobody ought to know that they loved each other!

One day, Mrs. Hartman said to Regina, when they were alone,—

"Well, I suppose Christian and Susan love each other, and they had better get married. Susan is a fine girl, and I love her; and, when I am dead and gone, Christian will take care of her."

"Yes," replied Regina, "I think so too."

"Suppose we speak to them about it."

"Very well."

So it was agreed that Mrs. Hartman would talk with Christian, and Regina with Susan. I need not tell you how Christian and Susan both blushed out the full confirmation of the conjectures of Regina and her mother, and how readily they consented to the arrangements thus proposed. Christian and Susan loved each other with a pure and holy love. Their hearts had long since been melted into one heart.

This proposal was made in the summer; and it was suggested by the mother that the wedding should come off in the fall, as soon as the seeding was over. I need not tell you how pleasantly they spent the interval. Nor need I inform you how, when Mrs. Hartman told Susan to blow the dinner-horn for Christian, she could not find it, and would prefer running out to the field and calling him! Nor how Christian would do every thing he could to lighten Susan's labors; how he would chop the wood very fine and carry it into the kitchen, and how he would go to the spring for water, and how he would stand by when she was milking in the evening and carry the milk-pail to the spring-house. These things were all natural. Their love seemed to increase from day to day.

At length the time approached that they were to be married. They went over the mountains, and were married at the old stone parsonage. There was no great parade made at their nuptials. To-be-sure, when they came home next day, some of the neighbors had gathered to congratulate them, and to eat a roasted turkey and other good things.

Christian now took charge of the farm, and Regina and her mother had their home with him. Susan was now in reality the mistress of the house; but she remained the same humble and affectionate child. She assumed no authority; took no airs upon herself; worked just as she had all along been doing. And Christian, too, was the same. There was no contract made between him and his mother. When he sold a cow, or grain, or any thing else, the money was put in his mother's chest, where all had access to it. A neighbor once suggested that, as Christian was now of age and married, it would be right and proper for him to purchase the farm; but neither he nor his mother could see the necessity of such a measure. They could all live together in peace; and, as Christian used to say, "As long as I have bread you will all have it." Regina, too, had confidence in her brother, and knew he would do right. So, then, the property remained as it had been since the death of Mr. Hartman, except that Christian—by the advice of a lawyer in Reading—had the land patented.

Years rolled pleasantly along, and children were born in the Hartman family, both boys and girls. The oldest was a girl, and was called Regina, who was her godmother; and the next was called John, after his grandfather. I need not tell you how deeply Regina and her mother were interested in those children. They were all so kind and attentive to the children that the poor little things scarcely knew which was their right mother. Little Regina used to call Susan her little mother, Mrs. Hartman her old mother, and Regina her big mother! These children were the light and joy of the house; yes, the sunshine of heaven seems to come down through little children in the habitations of men. They seem to be flowers of paradise, plucked by angels' hands, and planted on earth to make us happy.

Regina commenced teaching them as soon as they could be taught, and they became good and obedient children. God dwelt in this pious family.

Age began to make his mark on Mrs. Hartman. She was now past threescore years, and her vigorous constitution commenced giving way to the weight of years and hardships through which she had passed.

Regina, too, was now pretty well up in thirty, and had given up all idea of ever marrying. She often told her mother she would never get married, but would stay with her and take care of her in her old days. Nothing could induce her to change her mind in this respect. She had a pleasant and a happy home, and her heart was so much occupied in religious matters, and with Susan's children and her aged mother, that she thought of little else. Never was there a more dutiful daughter, as the sequel will fully show.

Regina and her mother often went to church; and, as Mrs. Hartman was becoming feeble, she rode, and Regina walked. And often they would remain over night with some of the church members in the neighborhood of the church, and sometimes with the pastor—the Rev. Emanuel Schultz, who was then the Lutheran preacher at Tulpehocken. He also was a good

and holy man. He died in 1812, I think; and the Rev. Dr. Lochman (then of Lebanon) preached his funeral sermon.

Christian prospered in worldly matters and lived a cheerful and happy life. He had been a good boy, and he became a good man, as is generally the case. Good boys and good girls make good men and good women, for the same reason that good seed will always produce good fruit. Youth is the time to lay the foundation to be good in mature years. Permit me here to offer a few reasons why you should become pious in your youth.

In your youth your hearts are more open to conviction. You are not hardened in sin. Nearly all the heathen that become converted by the labors of the missionaries are awakened in their youth and in the Sabbath-schools. Sin is like a fearful disease; the longer it is permitted to run the worse it is.

We send children—not old people—to school, because youth is the time to learn. Few ever learn to read who do not learn it before they are twenty years old. When men and women get old they generally practise what they learned in their youth.

Most persons that are pious became so in their youth; and the great majority of those who neglect religion in their youth go to the grave and to the bar of God in an impenitent state. What an awful thought! How this should alarm the young who neglect their souls!

Youth is the spring-time of life; and the improvement of this precious season will determine the glory of summer, the abundance of autumn, and the supply for the cold and chilling winter. Youth is the morning of life; and if the sun does not rise before noon it rarely ever rises at all.

"Remember, then, your Creator in the days of your youth, before the evil days come,"—as come they surely will,—and without piety you will have no pleasure in them.

Look at the case of Regina. With not half the advantages and light which you possess, she was firm and steadfast even among the savage Indians, where the very name of God was not known, and where every temptation was thrown in her way, and where she had none to take her by the hand and encourage her; yet she continued to follow the little light she had;—she said her prayers under the trees, and at last she was brought to the Savior and made happy in him.

Recollect, she had no pious Sabbath-school teacher, as you have; and no good little books, such as you have. The children of our Sabbath-schools have great reason to thank God for all the blessings they enjoy; and they ought to make good use of their time, and not let their great advantage sink them deeper into ruin in the world of hopeless sorrow and despair.

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Chapter XIV — Regina and her Mother—Piety of Mrs. Hartman—Her Sickness—Regina's ceaseless Attention to her afflicted Mother—Her Happiness in Prospect of Heaven—Her Happy Death.

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No. 36. Samuel Koenig was taxable in Bern Twp. in 1754. His land grant there has not yet been found, but we suppose he lived in the great Blue Mountain Valley, where he was married to Anna, the oldest child of Christian Yoder, No. 31. In 1767 he was taxed in Cumru Township (now Springs), just west of the Tulpehocken Creek, where he obtained a land grant adjoining the Stoltzfuses, the Kurtzes, and the Gerbers. He is the progenitor of our vast King clan.

No. 37. Jacob Koenig purchased land in now Til- den Township in 1748, joining Hanes Zug. Nothing more is known of this family.

No. 38. Yost Yoder. Another Yoder family.

No. 39. Michael Stucky. Perhaps we will hear more of this family later.

No. 40. Johannes Schneider got his land grant in 1743, near Bloomsburg, on the boundry lines of Centre, Penn, and Bern Townships. Here, again, there is a senior and a junior. It is evident that Senior Schneider obtained this land grant but the one on this list is Junior Schneider. From an orphans court record we find a daughter of Hans.

No. 41. Mathas (Mathias) Nafsinger (Naftsingher). This family lived two miles west of Bernville, in some of the most rugged country of the Northkill. The Naftingers are, for long, a standing object in Northkill history, but not much is known about their descendants. We have a clue that Jacob Miller, No. 42, was married to his daughter. From the records of Paul V. Hostetler of Hamden, Connecticut, we find that he had an interview with a certain Mr. Lesher, who claims he knows of a grave marker of a Naftlinger woman who was killed by the Indians.

No. 43. Christian Fisher. See Fisher Book.

No. 44. Jacob Seiler. He is known to be a fore- bearer of certain prominent Amish families through female linage. He is listed among the alms book entries.

No. 45 and 46. Christian Kauffman and Jacob Kauffman are supposed, by some writers, to be brothers. Kauffman is the most popular name in the East Shartlesville area today. Jacob Kauffman had a vast territory of land, claimed by 1780, east of Shartlesville. Christian occupied land grants north and west of Shartlesville, by the foot of the mountains. This Jacob was likely a minister in the church, who was married to a daughter of Jacob Beiler. This Christian could be the forefather of our Kauffmans in the Pequea today, although more research is needed to make specific marks.

No. 47. Johannes Lantz was granted a tract of land in now Penn Township, a little east of Bernville, in 1750. His land joined Jacob Mast and Jacob Kauffman (see list No. 1). The Lantz family joined the Conestoga Valley move around 1770, with Christian Beiler, John Yoder, "Strong" Jacob Yoder, Christian Hertzler, and others. The Lantzes settled on a farm two miles north of Churchtown. He is the progenitor of most of our Lantzes today.

No. 48. Abraham Kurtz was a brother to Hans, Jacob, and Stephen, and perhaps to Christian. He lived in Cumru Township.

No. 49 and 50. Joseph and Jacob Mishler were first taxed in Cumru Township, Berks County in 1767. Joseph was warranted land in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, and taxed there from 1771 - 1780. He moved to Bedford County (now Somerset County) at a later date. His male linage moved west to Ohio and Indiana, where some of these exist today. We have no later records of Jacob.

No. 51. Christian, another of the Kurtz family. He lived at the foot of the Blue Mountains, near the Northkill Creek heads. Little is known about the offspring of this family.

No. 52. Abraham Drachsel is listed in the alms book entries, otherwise he would have escaped being listed here. Some recent research shows that some of his daughters were married to members of our group. Drachsel is an old Anabaptist name in Switzerland. The name likely comes from the Drachselwald in Switzerland.

No. 53. Christian Stauffer. Very little is known about this family, although it is known that the Fishers and the Stauffers were related through intermarriage. Here we have both on the same list.

No. 54. Johannes Farney. It has long been known that the Farneys tie into our clan. At this date we cannot locate the family.

No. 55. Christian Miller. According to dates, we think this Christian Miller fits to now Jefferson Twp. More research is needed to single out the family linage.

No. 56. Hans Blanck (Blank). This Hans Blank settled in Cocalico Township, Lancaster County, in the Cocalico Hills. He died there in 1795. From his will and estate release (recently found), we feel sure he was the father of Bishop Peter Blank, near Morgantown, and Bishop John Blank of Spring Garden. He, with his wife Mary, raised a large family. Jacob received the home farm.

No. 57. Johannes Albrecht. Not much is known about his family, except that his son Christian was granted the home farm in 1799.

No. 58. Christian Furrer. This is most likely Christian Jr., who settled in Oley Township, Berks County. His son Christian removed to Cumru Twp., after being married to Anna Stoltzfus, where he operated a grist mill and sawmill from 1767 - 1779. From there we have no record of the family except that he is listed in the alms book.

No. 59 and 60. Andres and Michael Holly are often spoken of as brothers. Andres lived in Heidelberg Township, Lancaster County, now Lebanon County. He likely died there, and may have lived in America only ten to twenty years, as his son, John, makes it clear in a letter written around 1805, that his father died a long time ago (see THE DIARY, Vol. III, p.70). John is taxed in Bern Township in 1754. From there we have no records in Berks County, so he must have moved to Mifflin County early. Of Michael Holly we have no other records. We are suspicious that he is listed in Chester County as Michael Troyer. His mother, by first marriage was a Troyer, according to historical reports.

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## OUR FATHERLAND IN AMERICA

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No. 21. Johannes Gnage lived in the valley just south of the Blue Mountains, almost midway between Hamburg and Shartlesville, about two miles west of the Hartzler homestead. His landjoiners were Christian Beiler, Conrad Reif, Jacob Kauffman, Jacob Stutzman, and Christian Stutzman. If he was the fore-runner of the present Kanagy clan, most numerous in Mifflin County, Pennsylvania, is yet to be found out. We do know that quite a few Kanagy daughters have been intermarried to our Yoder, Hooley, Mast, and other families, in the prime years of the Northkill Church in Berks County, Pennsylvania. At this time we have no other Kanagy head to offer.

No. 22. Moritz Zug (Zook) received a land grant in now Centre Township, Berks County. His plantation was just a little west of the Schuylkill. According to tradition he was a brother to No. 23 and 26.

No. 24. Johannes Gerber settled a short distance east of Lancaster, near the banks of the Conestoga. He is the progenitor of the Gerbers so prominent in the early West Conestoga Church.

No. 25. Jacob Kurtz, an associate to Johannes Gerber, and possibly related, likewise settled in Lancaster County, just north of Mechanicsburg. His homestead is a renowned landmark to this day, where a family graveyard exists.

No. 27. Jacob Gut (Good). Not much is known of this family. Good is an Anabaptist name in Switzerland, they have followed the Mennonites to the Palatinate, and are found among Ammonischen groups there, and it is reasonable to believe that they abided in the Northkill.

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No. 28. Heinrich Miller. We have at this time no information of this family.

No. 29 and 31. Christian Jotter and Christian Jotter. In the Rups Thirty Thousand German Immigrants we find these two marked senior and junior. In 1754 tax returns of Bern Township, Berks County, we find them identified in this way. From the work of Rachel Kreider of Wadsworth, Ohio, we find a claim that it has now been proven that they were father and son. Christian Jr. was most likely the minister that bought the alms book at Reading for Deacon Hans Kurtz in 1768.

No. 30. Jacob Yoder. This family lived at the foot of the Blue Mountains, near the Hertzler homestead. The Yoder families are numerous and scattered. These families received as much or more attention by our early history writers as any other family name, and this family name perhaps received more erroneous publicity than any other. We could give a brief outline at this writing of the two main Yoder stems of Berks County, but we feel they would be rather conflicting, or even offensive, to some family history lessons many of our readers have grown up with. At this point no one is exactly sure of all the early Amish Yoder placements. In our mind the Yoders of the Oley Valley do not belong to the Yoders of the Northkill, and this could also be said about the Kauffmans. At least we will say the Yoder theory needs to be revised. If time is granted us, more will be written on this backbone family of our church, in a few years.

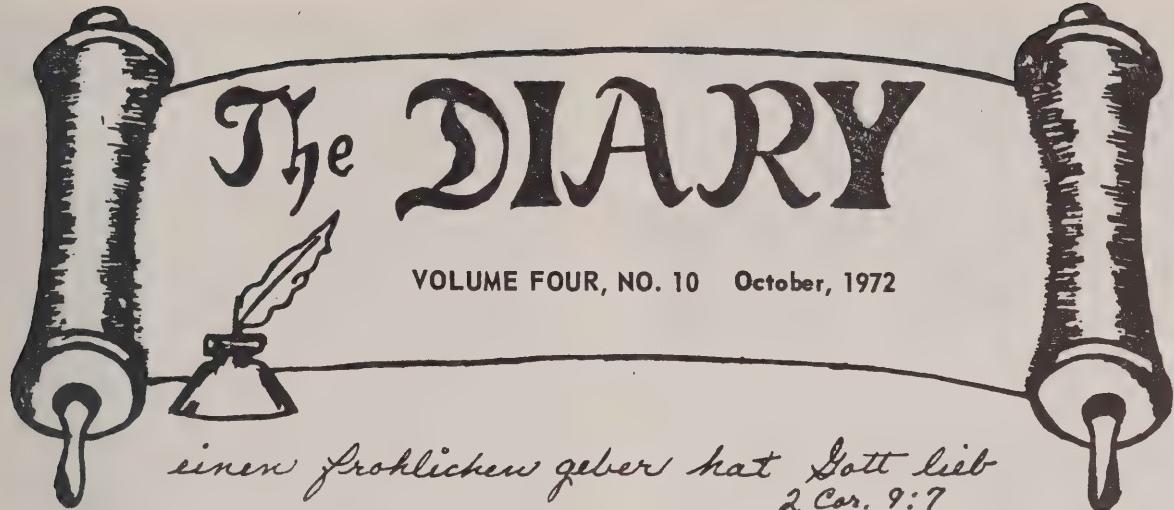
No. 32. Christian Miller. From the Berks Co. tax list of 1754 - 1780 we have three Christian Millers in Bern Township (one was single), one in Heidelberg Township, and one in Cumru Township. We can not definitely point this one out.

No. 33. Hans Kurtz. This is the Northkill Church deacon. We assume he was ordained in 1768 or shortly before. He lived on the well-known Kurtz homestead near Stouchburg, along the canal. A family graveyard exists today. According to tradition, he was one of the five Kurtz brothers who came to America, being sons of Stephen Kurtz.

No. 34. Stephen Kurtz. He claimed more land warrants than the average of our group. Perhaps he first lived in now Centre Township, on the north banks of the Irish Creek. This tract was transferred to his son, John. He had a vast tract of land on the Schuylkill, between Shoemakersville and Leesport, in Centre Township, Berks County. It is believed that he moved to now Lebanon County, a few miles east of Myerstown, on old Rt. 422. This is one of the most beautiful and productive farms to be seen anywhere in the east. Proof that he died there must be contributed to Christ J. Kurtz of Elverson, Penna., who found his gravestone on that farm a few years ago.

No. 35. Christian Koenig. Not much is known about this family. According to tradition, he was a brother to Samuel. There is evidence that he also lived in now Lebanon County in later years (1796), and that he had a son David adjoining him there.

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### CRASH KILLS INDIANA YOUTH

Wilbur H. Miller, 18, of Shipshewana R1, Indiana, died instantly, Sunday, October 22, of a broken neck and crushed chest, when the car in which he was riding went out of control and crashed along C. R. 200-S, about 2 miles east of Emmatown. (see obit.)

A passenger in the car, Olen S. Hershberger, 18, of LaGrange R1, suffered a ruptured spleen and internal injuries, and was taken to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, where he was scheduled for surgery on Tuesday and was listed in fair condition.

### ASHLAND, OHIO ACCIDENT

Elias, 9-year-old son of David E. and Esther (Keim) Shrock, Ashland R1, Ohio, had the misfortune of getting a broken leg and minor head injuries when he ran into the path of an oncoming car on the way home from school. He was rushed to the Ashland Samaritan Hospital where he was in intensive care till the next day. He remained a patient there for four weeks. Is now at home but still has to have his leg in traction for several weeks. This is now the fourth of their children to be in the hospital this year.

### ARTHUR, ILLINOIS ACCIDENT

David, 15 year old son of Harvey Farmwald, got his arm caught in a corn dump while unloading corn the week of the 20th, breaking his arm above the wrist. Was in hospital nearly a week, but is at home again and getting along all right.

### SOMERSET CO., PA., ACCIDENT

Rachel, daughter of Alvin Peacheys, Springs, Star Route, Pa., fell off of a barrel while shelling walnuts, and broke her arm. She had put the walnuts under the barrel and was jumping around on the barrel to shell them, or try to, which did not prove to be a successful method.

### GRABILL, IND. MAN FELL FROM ROOF

John Schmucker, 58, Grabill R2, Ind., fell off a shed roof he was repairing October 18, the day we had our first snow, roof was slippery. He broke his back. Was still in intensive-care in Park View Hospital, Fort Wayne, by last reports. Had started to operate the day after it happened but his blood count went so low they had to stop. A rib had also punctured his lung, is paralyzed from waist down. He is a son of the late Bishop Pete and Susie Schmucker. His wife Betz is a daughter of the late Amos Miller. Her stepmother, Clara Miller, is still living.

### INDIANA TEACHER HAS BROKEN FOOT

Miss Anne Hilty, 22, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Hilty, Monroe R1, Indiana, a teacher at the Winchester Amish School, broke a foot while playing ball with some pupils, Friday, September 22. She was admitted to the Lutheran Hospital, in Fort Wayne, where screws had to be inserted to pin the bones. Was in the hospital five days, is at home and gets around with crutches.

### SAWMILL ACCIDENT AT AYLMER, ONT.

On October 17 Solomon J. Miller got his hand into the saw at the sawmill. He put his hand on the log to bend over to pick up a board. The log was returning after the cut and took his hand into the saw. He was also cut a bit at the hip. He had one finger taken off at the hospital. He has hand in a cast and is up and around some.

### HOLMES CO., OHIO FIRE

A fire in the Christ U. Miller home near Charm damaged the upstairs. It started when a sleeping bag was accidentally pushed against the stove pipe by the children at play. The fire was discovered by Mrs. Miller when she noticed smoke coming down the stairway. Neighbors had it under control by the time firemen arrived.

**BIRTHS**

Dover, Delaware

- BEACHY**, John Henry (Sadie Byler) Dover R5  
a son HARVEY, October 14  
**MILLER**, Ben D.A. (Fannie Miller) Dover R5  
a daughter MARY, October 22  
**MILLER**, Sam D. (Anna Mae Byler) Wyoming R1  
a son DAVID, October 22  
**YODER**, Daniel L. (Mary Katherine Troyer) Wyoming R1  
a son STEVEN, October 26

## Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

- ALLGYER**, Jacob (Katie Beiler) 2110 Rockvale Rd.  
Lancaster, a daughter ANNA B., October 13  
**BEILER**, Isaac (Rebecca S. King) Quarryville R3  
a daughter FANNIE, October 18  
**BEILER**, John L. (Anna S. Lapp) Strasburg R1  
a daughter SADIE L., September 14  
**BEILER**, Henry L. (Katie Zook) Paradise R1  
a son MOSES Z., October 25  
**BEILER**, Samuel S. (Sarah Fisher) Christiana R1  
a daughter RACHEL, October 15  
**BLANK**, David (Rebecca Allgyer) Gordonville R1  
a son STEVEN MARK, October 26  
**BLANK**, Ephraim (Susie Esh) Bird-in-Hand R1  
a daughter SYLVIA, September 9  
**ESH**, Amos S. (Katie King) Quarryville R3  
a son DANIEL K., October 11  
**ESH**, John M. (Sarah Smucker) Narvon R1  
a son REUBEN S., October 19  
**ESH**, Levi A. (Naomi Lapp) Ronks R1  
a son EMANUEL, October 7  
**FISHER**, Amos L. (Sarah L. Stoltzfus) Bird-in-Hand R1  
a son AMOS, October 14  
**FISHER**, Benjamin A. (Lydia King) Kinzers R1  
a son DANIEL LUKE, October 4  
**FISHER**, David S. (Lydia Fisher) Paradise R1  
a daughter SARAH ANNA, October 20  
**FISHER**, Ezra L. (Katie S. Ebersol) Lititz R4  
a son ELAM J., October 13  
**FISHER**, Jacob M. (Arie Glick) Oxford R2  
a son LEVI, October 2  
**FISHER** Jonas (Salome King) Kinzers R1  
a daughter LINDA KAY, October 3  
**GLICK**, Aaron H. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Gap R1  
a daughter LENI RUTH, October 20  
**GLICK** Abner (Anna Stoltzfus) Christiana R1  
a daughter MARY, October 3  
**GLICK**, Abner Z. (Barbara E. Kauffman) Quarryville R3  
a daughter, October 27

- GLICK**, Benjamin (Lizzie King) Bird-in-Hand R1  
a son ELAM, October 5  
**KING**, Elam F. (Barbara Blank) Christiana R1  
a son JOHN M., October 11  
**KINSINGER**, Benjamin A. (Emma L. Riehl) Gordonville R1, a son JESSE L., October 25  
**LANTZ**, Benjamin S. (Mary E. Kauffman) Paradise R1  
a son DANIEL RAY, October 9  
**LAPP**, Daniel (Sylvia Glick) 99 Zook Lane, Lancaster  
a daughter EDNA RUTH, October 9  
**LAPP**, David S. (Katie K. King) Gordonville R1  
a son LEVI L., October 14  
**LAPP**, David K. (Sadie Zook) Gordonville R1  
a daughter MARTHA, September 30  
**LAPP**, Isaac S. (Emma Kauffman) Ronks R1  
a daughter REBECCA, October 24  
**LAPP**, Jonas K. (Lydia R. Miller) Strasburg R1  
a daughter ANNIE, October 16  
**SMOKER**, Samuel (Rachel Lapp) Ronks R1  
a son JOHN E., October 28  
**SMUCKER**, Abner S. (Sadie K. King) New Holland R2  
a daughter MIRIAM K., October 28  
**STOLTZFUS**, Aaron F. (Elizabeth Beiler) Gap R1  
a daughter ANNA MAE, October 31  
**STOLTZFUS**, Amos (Lydia Esh) Lititz R3  
a son DAVID LEE, October 6  
**STOLTZFUS**, Christian B. (Mary Fisher) Christiana R1  
a son CHRISTIAN, October 24  
**STOLTZFUS**, Elam H. (Anna Mary Fisher) 128 Quarry Rd., Leola, a son ELMER D., October 3  
**STOLTZFUS**, Enos B. (Katie S. Miller) Christiana R1  
a daughter FANNIE, October 15  
**STOLTZFUS**, John F. (Sylvia Beiler) Paradise R1  
a daughter BARBARA, October 28  
**STOLTZFUS**, John K. (Mary Esh) Leola R1  
a son ENOS E., October 25  
**STOLTZFUS**, Menno (Fannie Stoltzfus) Leola R1  
a son EMANUEL JAY, October 3  
**STOLTZFUS**, Moses K. (Leah F. King) Ronks R1  
a daughter ANNA, October 5  
**STOLTZFUS**, Omar (Sara Flaud) Bird-in-Hand R1  
a son RAYMOND, October 12  
**ZOOK**, Jerry S. (Dora K. Glick) Bart  
a son CHRISTIAN G., October 15

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**Centre County, Pennsylvania**  
**LAPP, John (Naomi Lantz**  
 a son DAVID, October 29

**Mifflin County, Pennsylvania**  
**BYLER, Joseph (Sarah Lantz) Belleville**  
 a daughter RUTH, September 29  
**HOSTETLER, John (Hettie Peachey) Belleville**  
 a daughter RACHEL, October 20  
**KANAGY, Henry (Annie Peachey) Belleville**  
 a daughter KATIE, October 6  
**PEACHEY, Kore (Fannie Peachey) Belleville**  
 a son SHEM, October 28  
**PEACHEY, Omar (Hettie Peachey) Belleville**  
 a son ABRAM, October 10  
**SWAREY, Jonathan (Susie Kanagy) Belleville**  
 a daughter LYDIA, October 20  
 Jonathans have 4 boys and are happy over the arrival of a daughter.  
**YODER, Albert (Lizzie Brenneman) Belleville**  
 a son DANNY, October 26  
 Alberts are formerly of Aprings, Pa., and are putting in their 2 yr. of IW service in the Belleville area.

**Holmes and Wayne Counties, Ohio**  
**HERSHBERGER, Alvin A. (Emma Raber) Millersburg R4**  
 a son FERMAN, October 7  
 Was born without a recton opening but otherwise normal, was taken to Akron City Hospital for an operation.  
**HERSHBERGER, Ben A. (Ada Miller) Millersburg R4**  
 a daughter LIZZIE ANN, September 27  
**MAST, Abe (Emma Troyer) Charm, Ohio**  
 a son VERNON, September 9  
**MAST, Eli J. (Ada Mae Troyer) Sugarcreek R1**  
 a son IVAN, October 25  
**MAST, Henry E. (Amanda Troyer)**  
 a daughter ELSIE  
**MAST, John A. (Miriam Miller) Millersburg R3**  
 a son MARTIN, October 5  
**MILLER, David D. (Mattie Miller)**  
 a daughter MABEL, October 25  
**MILLER, David M. (Clara Miller) Millersburg R3**  
 a son ALLEN, October 3  
**MILLER, John E. (Katie Miller)**  
 a daughter DRUSILLA, October 11  
**MILLER, Jonas M. (Anna Schlabach)**  
 a son ROY  
**MILLER, Norman N. (Ada H. Raber) Millersburg R4**  
 a son HENRY, October 9  
**SCHLABACH, Pre. Abe A. (Mary Miller)**  
 a son ALLEN, October 4  
**TROYER, Enos (Lydia Burkholder)**  
 a daughter ELSIE, October 2  
**YODER, Henry A. (Malinda Beachy)**  
 twin sons JOSEPH and JACOB, October 9  
**YODER, John E. (KatieAnn Yoder) Baltic R1**  
 a daughter BARBARA ANN  
**YODER, Melvin (Amanda E. Mast)**  
 a daughter LAURA, September 28

**Lebanon County, Pennsylvania**  
**ESH, Christ S. (Hannah Smoker) Myerstown R2**  
 a daughter RACHEL, October 7  
**ESH, John M. (Rachel Smoker) Lebanon R1**  
 a daughter SALOMA S., October 5  
**KING, David Z. (Emma Lapp) Myerstown R2**  
 a son AARON L., October 12  
**SMOKER, Moses B. (Annie Lapp) Lebanon R1**  
 a son JOHN L., October 5

**Juniata County, Pennsylvania**  
**PETERSHEIM, Andy I. (Mary Kanagy)**  
 a daughter DRUSILLA, October 2  
**PETERSHEIM, Valentine I. (Mollie Renno)**  
 a daughter BARBARA, October 15  
**WENGERD, Andy M. (Annie Kanagy)**  
 a son HENRY, October 18

**Somerset County, Pennsylvania**  
**YODER, Lewis P. (Annie Yoder) Springs**  
 a son MOSES, October 9

**St. Mary's County, Maryland**  
**HERTZLER, John (Barbara Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville**  
 a son JOHN, October 5  
**HOSTETLER, John (Lydia Hertzler) Charlotte Hall**  
 a daughter NAOMI, October 9  
**STOLTZFUS, Dan (Sarah Lapp) Mechanicsville**  
 a son DAVID, October 10  
**SWAREY, Levi (Annie Stoltzfus) Mechanicsville**  
 a son LEVI, October 28

**Ashland, Ohio**  
**HERSHBERGER, Paul J. (LeAnna Yoder) Ashland R1**  
 a daughter LAURA, October 4  
**MILLER, Noah C. (Malinda A. Troyer) Shiloh**  
 a son JOE  
**SCHWARTZ, Samuel (Esther Brenneman) Ashland R1**  
 twin sons MENNO and MAHLON, October 11

**Steuben County, Indiana**  
**BONTRAGER, Roman and Barbara, Hudson, Ind.**  
 a son JOHN, October 23  
**KEIM, Dan and Amanda, Pleasant Lake, Ind.**  
 a son WILLIAM, September 28

**Arthur, Illinois**  
**BEACHY, Lloyd (Anna Otto)**  
 a son SAMUEL, October 22  
**HERSCHBERGER, Christian (Fannie Kaufman)**  
 a son ATTILA, October 30  
**JESS, Andy (Vera Mae Plank)**  
 a daughter LIZZIE ANN, October 12  
**MILLER, Harley (Martha Ann Kiener)**  
 a son WILLIAM, October 25  
**SCHLABAUGH, Daniel F. (Verna Miller)**  
 a son LARRY EUGENE, October 6  
**SCHLABAUGH, Eli (Rebecca Mast)**  
 a daughter, October 26  
**YODER, Ralph (Mattie Helmuth)**  
 a son, October 14

## BIRTHS, Continued

Adams County, Indiana  
**EICHER**, Menno V. (Edna Petersheim) Geneva R2  
 a son DAVID, September 26  
**GRABER**, Christ A. (Elizabeth E. Schwartz) Geneva R2  
 a daughter LAVINA, September 15  
**GRABER**, David J. (Millie Lambright) Geneva R2  
 a son DAVID, October 13  
**GIROD**, Levi J. (Rosie N. Schwartz) Monroe R1  
 a son NOAH, September 21  
**GIROD**, Sam J. (Rosie F. Schwartz) Berne R1  
 a daughter FANNIE, September 9  
**LAMBRIGHT**, Alvin (Emma Wickey) Monroe R1  
 a daughter EMMA, October 17  
**MILLER**, Joe L. (Edna D. Schwartz) Berne R1  
 a daughter JUDY, October 8  
**SCHWARTZ**, Amos G. (Emma H. Schwartz) Monroe R1  
 a daughter BARBARA, October 10  
**SCHWARTZ**, Dan W. (Lavina Girod) Monroe R1  
 a daughter LAVINA, September 29  
**SCHWARTZ**, Jake T. (Rosa B. Schwartz) Berne R2  
 a daughter SUSAN, October 21  
**SCHWARTZ**, John H. (Esther U. Schwartz) Monroe R1  
 a daughter IRENE, September 29  
**SCHWARTZ**, Jue D.J. (Margaret Eicher) Berne R2  
 a son ENOS, September 13  
**SCHWARTZ**, Melvin F. (Rebecca Wengerd) Berne R1  
 a son NOAH, October  
**SCHWARTZ**, Menno R. (Mary Wengerd) Monroe R1  
 a son CHRIST, September  
**SCHWARTZ**, Petie Q. (Mary Zook) Geneva R2  
 a daughter MARY, September  
**SCHWARTZ**, Raymond N. (Emma Eicher) Berne R1  
 a daughter RACHEL, September 5  
**WICKY**, Emanuel E. (Emma Yoder) Berne R2  
 a daughter CAROLINE, September 16  
**WICKY**, Sam E. (Mary I. Schwartz) Berne R1  
 a son CHRIST, October 21  
**WICKY**, Solomon J. (Anna Mae Graber) Berne R1  
 a son ALVIN, September  
**WICKY**, Toby (Margaret Christner) Berne R2  
 a daughter JOSEPHINE, September 15  
**YODER**, Mervin R. (Elizabeth Christner) Geneva R2  
 a son MERVIN, October 31

Buchanan County, Iowa  
**GINGERICH**, Daniel R. (Susie Kurtz) Hazleton  
 a daughter MARY, October 27  
**MULLET**, Emanuel Jr. (Mattie Nisly) Fairbank  
 a daughter NETTIE, October 5  
**SCHMUCKER**, Melvin (Gertie Yoder) Independence  
 a daughter IDA, October 11

Johnson County, Iowa  
**HERSHBERGER**, Firman (Suvilla Mast)  
 twin sons, October 27  
 They are quite small.  
**MILLER**, Amos T. (Elsie Miller)  
 a son LESTER, September 21  
**ROPP**, Cecil (Dorothy Helmuth)  
 a daughter ANNA MAY, September 30

LaGrange County, Indiana  
**BONTRAGER**, John L. (Mary Jane Weaver) Shipshewana R1  
 a son September 27  
**FRY**, David O. (Mattie Yoder) Topeka R2  
 a son ANDREW D., October 8  
**HOCHSTEDLER**, Christy (LeAnna Miller) Topeka R2  
 a daughter DORENE, October 2  
**KUHNS**, Alvin (Verna Lehman) Shipshewana R2  
 twins, ALLEN JAY and ALMA KAY, October 8  
**LAMBRIGHT**, Orley (Mary Yoder) Topeka  
 a son, October 15  
**MAST**, David (Lucy Frey)  
 a daughter DORETTA JEAN, October 27  
**MAST**, John (Mary Miller) Rome City  
 a daughter EMMA LOUISE, October 23  
**MILLER**, Andrew J. and Elva, Middlebury R1  
 a son GLEN, October  
**MILLER**, Eli (LeAnna Lambright) Topeka R2  
 a son FREEMAN, September 27  
**MILLER**, Henry N. (Edna Yoder) LaGrange R4  
 a daughter ELIZABETH MAE, October 11  
**MILLER**, Leo Jay (Lydia Lorene Eash) Middlebury  
 a daughter SUSIE, October 13  
**MILLER**, Nelson L. (Ada Yoder) LaGrange RR  
 a daughter ANNA KAY, October 18  
**MILLER**, Ora N. (Katie Bontrager) Topeka  
 a son VERNON JAY, October 18  
**MILLER**, S. William (Edna Bontrager) Topeka R2  
 a daughter MARIETTA, September 29  
**YODER**, The late John (Mary Kathryn Bontrager)  
 a son JOHN KEVIN, October 25  
**YODER**, Lee Andrew (LaAnna Miller) Topeka R2  
 twin sons DEWAYNE and DEVON, October 25

Mt. Elgin, Ontario, Canada  
**MILLER**, Levi (Elizabeth Bontrager)  
 a daughter SARAH, October 12

## OBITUARIES

**BEACHY**, Menno B., 94, Hazelton, Iowa  
 died October 24, at Hazelton, Iowa. He was born in Holmes Co., a son of the late Benjamin M. and Anna (Kaufman) Beachy. Leaves 3 sons, Benjamin of Hazelton, Iowa, Eli of Greentown, Ind., and Henry of Kalona, Iowa.  
 Funeral services were held in Iowa Oct. 25, and at Kokomo, Ind. Oct. 27. His wife died nearly nine years ago. Sermons by the home bishop, George D. Gingerich, and Jonas J. Beachy of Kalona, Iowa.

**BEILER**, Miss Mary, 61, of Paradise R1, Penna.  
 died at her home Sunday, October 15, at 2:15 p.m. after an illness of one week. Born in Paradise Twp., she was a daughter of the late Amos L. and Sarah (Kauffman) Beiler. She is survived by four sisters: Rachel, wife of Isaac Lantz, Gordonville R1; Anna,

wife of Daniel K. King, Lancaster; Sarah, wife of Abram K. King, Lancaster; and Miss Ruth Beiler, at home; two brothers, John S. Beiler, Paradise R1; and Amos K. Beiler, Quarryville R3.

Funeral services were held Oct. 17, at the John S. Beiler residence, by Bishop Elam Kauffman, and Bishop Jacob M. Stoltzfus of Brush Valley; hymn by Dea. Ben Kauffman; burial was in Beiler's Cemetery.

**FREY**, Daniel D.M., 77, of Topeka R2, Indiana died Saturday, October 21, at 10:45 p.m. in the LaGrange County Hospital, following an illness of several weeks. He was born September 13, 1895, the son of Daniel D. and Mary Ellen (Miller) Frey. He was married to Elizabeth Miller, Sept. 6, 1914, she died Aug. 13, 1958. He married second time, to Mary J. Miller, Sept. 26, 1963, she survives. Also surviving are four sons, Tobias D. of Topeka, Joseph E. of Millersburg, John W. of Ligonier, and Daniel of Paoli; four daughters, Mrs. Eli (Anna) Miller of Ligonier, Mrs. Abe A. (Mary Ellen) Bontrager, Mrs. Omer (Barbara) Lambright, and Mrs. Arthur (Elizabeth) Hochstetler of Wolcottville; also four stepsons and three stepdaughters, 65 grandchildren, 98 great-grandchildren; two brothers, John D. of Millersburg, Ohio, and Joe D. of Shipshewana, and a sister, Mrs. John (Anna) Beachy of Topeka.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Amos N. Miller; burial was in the Miller Cemetery.

**MILLER**, Ben P., 87, of Dundee R2, Ohio died Saturday, October 14, in Pomerene Hospital in Millersburg. He suffered a cerebral hemorrhage six days ago. Born in Holmes County, he was a son of the late Peter M. and Nancy (Yoder) Miller. His first wife, Anna (Sommers) Miller, died in 1934, and his second wife, Sadie (Hershberger) Miller, in 1954. He also was preceded in death by two daughters, three sons, a sister, and two brothers. Surviving are two daughters and a son, Mrs. Levi A. (Catherine) Keim of Uniontown, Mrs. John S. (Sarah) Hershberger of Winesburg, and Elmer B. Miller of the home; three sisters and a brother, Amanda Miller of Middlefield, Mrs. Mary V. Yoder of Hadley, Pa., Mrs. Sarah H. Troyer of Uniontown, and John P. Miller of Leola, Pa.; 12 grandchildren, and 29 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at 9 a.m. in the residence by Bishop Mahlon Hostetler, and at 2 p.m. in Kings Church at Uniontown by Bishop Wallace Byler; burial was in Kings Church Cemetery.

**MILLER**, Wilbur H., 18, of Shipshewana R1, Ind. was killed instantly Sunday, October 22 (see front page). He was born in LaGrange County May 28, 1954 a son of Harley E. and Wilma (Bontrager) Miller, who survive. Also surviving are his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Enos Miller and Mrs. Lydia Bontrager; two sisters, Freida and Esther, and four brothers, David, Nelson, Jerry, and Marvin, all of Shipshewana.

Funeral services were held Wednesday in the Amos Bontrager home by Bishop Abe Yoder; burial was in the Yoder Cemetery.

**SCHMUCKER**, Laura Mae, infant, Goshen R1, Ind.

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman L. Schmucker, was stillborn Tuesday night, October 17, in the Goshen Hospital. Surviving with the parents are the maternal grandmother, Mrs. Mary Miller of LaGrange R1; paternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Schmucker of Goshen R1; four brothers and four sisters at home.

Graveside services were held Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. in the Thomas Cemetery with Bishop Jesse Schlabach officiating.

**SWAREY**, Katie, 22, of Belleville, Penna.

Mrs. Jacob C. Swarey (Katie Zook) was mentally depressed for the last two months. On October 13 she died of a self-inflicted gun-shot wound. They were married November 23, 1971. She is survived by her husband, a two-month-old son, David, her parents, Jonathan and Mary (Yoder) Zook; 6 sisters and 4 brothers; 2 grandmothers, and one grandfather.

Funeral services were held Monday, October 16, at the Urie Zook home by Bishop Joshua Renno; burial was in the Locust Grove Cemetery.

**WINGARD**, Perry J., 52, of Shipshewana R2, Ind.

died at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, September 30. Death was ruled suicide by the county deputy coroner. He was born June 3, 1920, near Shipshewana and lived there all his life. He was married in 1943 to Wilma Schrock, who survives. Also surviving are his stepmother, Mrs. Nora Wingard of Shipshewana; three sons, Melvin of Goshen, and Elmer and Perry Jr., both at home; six daughters, Mrs. David Yoder and Mrs. Dan Bontrager of Goshen, Mrs. Earl Miller of Middlebury, and Linda, Velda, and Ruth Ann, all at home; six sisters, Mrs. Levi Schrock of Shipshewana, Mrs. Ervin Mast of Middlebury, Mrs. Henry Schlabach of Goshen, and Mrs. Harry Mast, Mrs. Orla Miller and Mrs. Edward Lambright, all of Topeka; nine brothers, Raymond of Middlebury, Elmer of Topeka, and Clarence, Joseph Jr., Mahlon, Freeman, Ferman, John, and Jay, all of Shipshewana, and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Perry Bontrager; burial was in Naylor Cemetery.

**YODER**, Annie, 72, of Johnson Co., Iowa

wife of Edw. G. Yoder was buried October 8. She was a daughter of the late Chris and Lydia Ropp. She is survived by her husband and the following children, Sylvanus of Hayward, Wisc., Mrs. Jake (Viola) Schlabach, Edna of the home, Lewis of Nappanee, Ind., Mrs. Eddie J. (Dorothy) Miller, Chris, Mrs. Herman (Lydiann) Miller, J. Edward, Alton, and Marvin, all of Kalona. She was preceded in death by her parents, a son Thomas in 1949, a brother Lewis Ropp, and 3 sisters, Lizzie, wife of Harvey Stutzman who died in Buchanan Co. in 1933, Fannie, wife of David M. Miller and Lena, wife of Joas Miller who both died in 1971.

Funeral services were held at Jacob Schlabachs, by Wm. G. Miller of Ill., and Truman Miller in the house, and by Lester and Toby Miller in the shed.

### OBITUARIES, Continued

**PEACHEY**, Miriam (Renno) of Guaimaca, Honduras was born at Belleville, Penna. Dec. 9, 1926, a daughter of David and Jemima Renno. Died at her home near Guaimaca, Honduras on Oct. 15, 1972, age 45 yrs., 10 mos, and 6 days. She was married to David B. Peachey on Jan. 16, 1955. To this union were born five children, David Jr., Rebecca, Joseph, Rhoda, and Daniel.

In December of 1970 the family moved to Honduras, Central America. In May, 1967, while still living in Pennsylvania, Miriam had a malignant tumor removed, a radical mastectomy, and was given a series of cobalt treatments. She seemed to regain good health, except about eight months later her left arm and hand became painful and disabled, which condition grew worse as time went on. By June of 1972 she suffered with headaches, soreness in the neck area, and loss of appetite. A biopsy again showed a malignancy. The sickness progressed rapidly, and she was bedfast only three months.

Funeral services were held Monday, Oct. 16 at 2 p.m. Preaching by Monroe and Richard Hochstetler. Burial was made in the church cemetery.

**YODER**, Mervin M., 2 days, of Adams Co., Ind. son of Mervin R. and Elizabeth (Christner) Yoder, of Geneva R2, Ind., died at the Van Wert, Ohio hospital where he was born October 31. The infant died Thursday, November 2, at 4:15 a.m. Surviving are the parents and three sisters, Esther, Rose, and Barbara, all at home. Also the grandparents, Truman Yoders and Cletus Christners.

Graveside services were held in the Bunker Hill Cemetery.

*Bleibt fest in der brüderlichen  
liebe Heb. 13:1*

### ORDINATIONS

#### Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Israel M. Beiler, 46, Christiana R1, Pa., was ordained bishop in Georgetown South District, Oct. 12. Was ordained minister in 1969. With him in the lot were Pre. Abner S. Glick and Pre. John S. Stoltzfus.

John F. Fisher, 29, Quarryville R1, Box 97, Pa., was ordained minister in South Beaver Creek West District, Oct. 13. He is a son of Amos L. and Susie (Fisher) Fisher. His wife Annie is a daughter of Eli and Emma (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus. With him in the lot were Elam Allgyer, Benjamin S. Beiler, David F. Stoltzfus, Moses Glick, and John Riehl.

Eli S. King, 33, New Holland R2, Pa., was ordained deacon in the Northeast Lower Millcreek District, Oct. 13. He is a son of David F. and Amanda (Smucker) King. His wife Sara is a daughter of Mary (Kauffman) and the late John F. Stoltzfus. With him in the lot were Jacob E. Beiler, David H. Beiler, Daniel B. Smucker, David S. Smucker, Eli K. Stoltzfus, and Aaron E. Lapp.

Henry L. Stoltzfus, 42, Kirkwood R1, Pa., was ordained minister in the Kirkwood East District, Oct. 19. He is a son of the late Isaac E. and Sarah (Lapp) Stoltzfus. His wife Fannie is a daughter of Mary K. King and the late Samuel F. Stoltzfus. With him in the lot were Stephen Beiler and Levi Stoltzfus.

Omar S. Fisher, 31, Ronks R1, Pa., was ordained deacon in the Northeast Millcreek District, Oct. 19. He is a son of Samuel S. and Elizabeth (Stoltzfus) Fisher. His wife Rebecca is a daughter of Christian S. and Rachel (Kauffman) Esh. With him in the lot were Elam Miller, Israel Swarey, Ephraim Esh, Ben S. Stoltzfus, Christ E. Riehl, and Henry E. Beiler.

Roy S. Fisher, 28, Quarryville R3, was ordained deacon in the South Beaver Creek East District, Oct. 20. He is a son of David E. and Fannie (Smucker) Fisher. His wife Sylvia is a daughter of Samuel and Lizzie Lapp. With him in the lot were Amos L. Stoltzfus, John D. Stoltzfus, Moses K. Glick, Levi Beiler, and Aaron S. Esh.

#### Crawford County, Pa.

Menno E. Fisher, 29, Conneautville R3, Pa., was ordained minister, October 14. He is a son of Christ and Esther Fisher, Ronks R1, Pa. His wife Mary is a daughter of Paul and Annie Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, Pennsylvania.

#### Holmes County, Ohio

Abe A. Yoder was ordained bishop in Walnut Creek North District, October 14.

Junior (Albert) Stutzman, 34, was ordained deacon in the John Frey church district, October 6. He is a son of Albert and Katie (Yoder) Stutzman. His wife Emma is a daughter of Aden J. Kiems. There were 11 in the lot.

Monroe J.A. Miller, 40, was ordained minister in the Bunker Hill church district. He is a son of Jonas A. and Anna (Beachy) Miller. His wife Anna is a daughter of the late Dea. and Mrs. Eli S. Mast. There were 6 in the lot.

Jacob E. Chupp, 46, was ordained minister in the Dan Stutzman north district, October 8. There were 11 in the lot.

John J.C. Yoder, 30, was ordained bishop in the West Flat Ridge district, October 10.

Noah M.S. Miller, 41, was ordained minister in the Eli E. Hershberger west district, October 16.

#### Wayne County, Ohio

Atlee J. Troyer was ordained minister in the Jacob R. Troyer east district, September 30. He is a son of Joe J. Troyers. His wife Katie is a daughter of Jonas E. Burkholders.

Eli D. Yoder was ordained minister in the Jacob R. Troyer west district, October 7. He is a son of Min. David J. Yoders. His wife Ada Marie is a dau. of Elmer Hochstetlers.

Dan J. Schlabach was ordained minister in the Henry J. Miller district, October 8. He is a son of Jacob J. Schlabachs. His wife Mattie is a daughter of Joni A. Yoders.

### Coneango Valley, New York

Enos E. Miller, 35, son of the late Bishop Eli J. Miller, was ordained deacon, out of a lot of three.

### Ashland, Ohio

John K. Brenneman, 24, was ordained minister in the Northeast church district, October 14. He is a son of Pre. Simon G. and Sadie R. Brenneman. His wife Sarah is a daughter of Bishop Henry J. and Esther of Fredericksburg, Ohio. They have three children.

### Adams County, Indiana

Eli Coblenz, Geneva R2, was ordained deacon in the John C. Schwartz church, October 21. His wife is the former Mattie Schwartz.

### LaGrange County, Indiana

Lavern Raber, 26, was ordained minister in the Amzie Troyer West Howe district, September 14. He is a son of Min. Andrew and Alta (Farmwald) Raber. His wife Leona is a daughter of Ora and Anna (Troyer) Hochstedler and they have three small children. There were 9 in the lot.

Vernon Weaver, 41, LaGrange R4, Ind., was ordained deacon in the David J. Bontrager North district, October 15. He is a son of David and Alice (Hostetler) Weaver. His wife Elva is a daughter of Bishop Joni B. and the late Polly (Troyer) Miller and they have 7 or 8 children.

Tobias Miller, 31, Shipshewana R2, Ind., was ordained minister in the Clemence Miller N.E. Barrens district, October 15. He is a son of Jacob S. and Wilma (Troyer) Miller. His wife Esther is a daughter of Amos and Edna (Weaver) Hochstedler and they have a family of 6 or 7 young children.

Levi S. Schrock, 51, Shipshewana R2, Ind., was ordained minister in the Clemence Miller W. Barrens district, October 22. He is a son of Sam T. and Mary (Bontrager) Schrock. His wife Ida Mae is a daughter of Joe and Fannie (Miller) Wingard, both deceased.

John Bontrager, 30, Topeka R1, Ind., was ordained minister in the Menno D. Yoder Topeka district, Oct. 22. He is a son of Manas and Elizabeth (Miller) Bontrager. His wife Esther Ellen is a daughter of Alvin and Polly (Gingerich) Miller and they have 5 or 6 young children.

Daniel Otto, 44, Topeka R1, Ind., was ordained minister in the David J. Bontrager Southeast Yoder district, October 22. He is a son of Milt and the late Mary (Miller) Otto. His wife Susan is a daughter of Chris D. and the late Lydiann (Miller) Yoder and they have 8 children.

### Johnson County, Iowa

Elmer T. Miller, 30, was ordained bishop in middle church, October 25, by Bishop Glen Bender. Other bishops present were Enos Swartzentruber, Henry B. Miller, Perry Nisley and Felty Yoder of Goshen, Ind. With him in the lot were his brother Alvin T., and Clifford B. Miller.

### Steuben County, Indiana

Henry Zehr, 27, Grabill R2, Ind. was ordained minister, November 5. He is a son of Menno and Leah (Graber) Zehr. His wife Kathryn is a daughter of John and Katie (Graber) Schmucker. Henry's brother John was in the lot with him.

### COMMUNITY NOTE – Daviess County, Indiana

Bishop Amos G. Wittmer was 90 years old Aug. 26. This is the oldest any Amish person has ever gotten in this community of over a hundred years.

### NATIVE CHESTNUT TREE

#### FOUND IN DELAWARE

This week I found a very fine, healthy-looking native chestnut tree in a neighbor's woods, about 40 feet high, about 10 inches in diameter at the base, with a lot of burs, but could find none with nuts. Could it be that our native chestnut is coming back? Let's hope so. Do any of our readers know of any native chestnut trees of any size? I know of one in Geauga County, Ohio as large or larger than this one.

Our local oak trees are not looking healthy, and a number have died this year. Neil N. Hershberger

### AMISH MATURNITY HOME

#### SERVING JUNIATA CO. MOTHERS

The three October births all took place in the Juniata Amish Maternity Home without the aid of a doctor or registered nurse.

Formerly a doctor was called to this home for the Amish confinement cases. Sometimes he didn't come until it was over, but still wanted to be paid full price for the work our Amish mid-wife had done. So now they don't call a doctor unless they have signs of a complicated case. The local maternity doctors now charge \$150 for their services, paid in advance, plus \$30 for the first office check-up. The Amish mid-wife makes no charges, but people pay what they feel like giving, free will.

Eleven babies were born this way this past year in our area. Our Amish mid-wife learned it from attending the doctor in delivering babies. Also from Mrs. Bishop Wm. Hochstetler (Barbara) who has a maternity home in Wayne Co., Ohio, and from Mrs. Rudy Wickey (Susan) of Snyder Co., Pa. who has been delivering babies in their homes for the Amish and Plain Mennonites in Snyder and eastern Juniata Cos. the last several years.

They do not attempt to deliver a young mother's first child, or any other ones that show signs of an unusual delivery or abnormal condition. These midwives are equipped with stethoscopes and pulsators to check the mother's health. They also have a delivery table, oxygen, etc., as is used in modern day obstetrics.

Two hundred years ago most babies were born without a doctor's aid. Nature's way is still the best way of doing things. The unreasonably high prices of doctors and hospitals is bringing this about again for us common Amish people.

## 1972 October

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### CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

#### Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Bareville area rainfall for October was 3.2 in. First light frost, Oct. 1 & 2; first killing frost, Oct. 10. On Oct. 19 some sections of the county had 4 inches of snow.

**Market Report:** Choice Fat Steers, \$36 to \$38 Cwt.; Feeder Cattle, \$35 to \$55 Cwt.; Veal, \$41 to 79.50 Cwt.; Fat Hogs, \$28 to 31.85 Cwt.; 40 lb. feeder pigs, .65 lb.; a load of fresh cows out of Canada sold at New Holland, \$455 to \$800; large eggs, .38 doz.; Leghorn Fowl, 8½¢ lb.; Heavy, 14½¢ lb., Pullets, .32 lb.; Ducks, .40 lb.; Turkey Hens, .34 lb.; Pigeons, 1.35 per pair; Potatoes, \$4 to \$5 Cwt.; Corn, 1.55 bu., \$50 Ton; Barley, 1.15 bu.; Wheat, 1.80 bu.; Oats, .95 bu.; Hay, \$30 to \$77 Ton; Straw, \$30 to \$45 Ton.

by Ammon F. Fisher

Beautiful fall weather. October started in with 39 degree temperature, ending with mild and cloudy. The 10th had first killing frost; Oct. 18, cold with rain; 19th, had snow that ground was white, but till evening it was all gone. A nice sight as tree and grape leaves were still hanging on with snow clinging on. The 20th and 21st had 20 degree in morning with ground frozen; 28th had 1¼ in. rain, making total of 3½ in. rainfall for October. Wedding Bells Ringing.

by Elam S. Beiler

Some fourth cutting alfalfa hay was still being made this month, as seems farmers are determined to try and get it all, as hay is scarce and high priced this year. Wheat and other fall grains started off nicely, although fields are not as green yet as most years, due to dry weather. Still some silo filling was being done up to the middle of the month, as there was quite a bit of late corn this year, which did not turn out so well, rather short with small ears. Still some corn to be picked, though most farmers are done. Corn varied greatly this year in yield from farm to farm. Most people had excellent crops, although low lying fields that were flooded in June did not amount to much. Over 80% of corn is picked with mechanical pickers here. You do not see many shocks any more. Farmers are roto beating and baling fodder now.

#### Crawford County, Pa., by Menno E. Fisher

Very nice weather first two weeks of October, but latter part was damp with drizzling rains, but not as wet as usual for this time of year. The first killing frost was Oct. 10th, first snowfall was 18th and 19th, and melted almost as fast as it came. Corn husking is under way with a fair yield. Corn price is going up due to poor crops in some sections.

#### Dover, Delaware, by Neil Hershberger

Cool and wet; rainfall for the month totaled 8 in. First killing frost came on the 20th, followed by a chilly 23 degrees on the 21st. First snow flurries came on the 19th, but melted as it came down. Farmers are finishing fall seeding, and husking corn, altho not much corn is husked by hand, but put on shock to be husked by shredder later this fall and winter. Corn yields are good except where ground was low. No blight damage this year.

#### St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

Had an early frost, also snow flurries the 19th. Rest was like usual; 3 in. rain. Woods look exceptionally pretty.

#### Snyder County, Pa., by Sam R. Troyer

October had nothing exceptional as to weather. Our first hard frost arrived on the 10th. The morning of the 11th we had 27 degrees. On the 18th it was 26 and snowed a little. We had around 2¾ inches of rainfall. Farmers are starting to husk corn, which has a somewhat below top yield.

#### Path Valley, Pa., by Daniel Z. Beiler

The weather in September was about normal, except rainfall is still below normal. Some showers and drizzly days the latter part of month. Ground is still dry and hard to work. Some barley sowed, a lot to sow yet. Barley sowing is late, due to late corn, and dry weather. Silo filling is mostly done. Corn is a short crop. Light frost was reported the 29th and 30th.

October was still a little on the dry side. We had a good rain the first week, a heavy shower about the middle of the month, and a few small showers. The ground was still plenty dry for plowing by the last of the month. Grain is mostly sowed and silos filled. Much corn intended for picking went into silos this year, which makes ear corn a little scarce. Early planted corn on heavy limestone and sandstone soils made a good crop. The ground was covered with the first snow of this fall, which fell on the 18th and 19th, it didn't lay long. Colored leaves and snow made a pretty sight on the mountains. Friday Morn., the 20th, the temperature was 16, the coldest of the month. Latter part of month was warmer with much cloudy weather.

#### Adams County, Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

October was a cool and dry month, with only 1.9 inches of rain. Our first killing frosts were on the mornings of the 10th and 11th. The coldest morning was the 20th with the temperature down to 22. We had our first snowfall following a rainy night of Oct. 18th, which was enough to cover the ground a total of ¾ inches. But by mid-afternoon it was all gone, and the sun shone a short while, later in the day. Wheat is sowed and fields are slowly getting green. There is still some corn to be picked. It was a fair crop. Late apples are plentiful.

### Lebanon County, Pa., by Levi S. King

October had a good bit of drizzling rains, but only about 1.4 inches for the whole month. First killing frosts were Oct. 10 and 11. On the 18th we had 2 or 3 inches of snow, some of which stayed on the north side of the buildings for 3 days. Barley and wheat were sown a little late, and some of it isn't through the ground yet. About 50% of the corn is husked and a lot went into the cribs with plenty of moisture. Practically all of the corn is picked with mechanical pickers in this neighborhood, and, it seems, every year we hear of someone getting his hand or arm caught in the picker. Small game hunting opened on the 28th, with just enough rain to soak the hunters.

### Franklin County, Pa., by Jacob E. Flaud

Nice fall weather, though the month of October had some good showers, and a cold spell the week of the 16th, from 2 to 4 inches of snow. Fall foliage was at its peak with all the splendid colors, and then a coat of snow across the mountains and trees. This made a beautiful fall and winter scene. And to know that this is all nature's work, which could not have been arranged by human hands, but by the hands of God. Fall work is pretty well finished, seeding is done, and corn is about all picked. Still quite a lot of building going on here in the community, some horse barns and dairy barns to be built yet.

### Juniata County, Pa., by David Y. Renno

Weather during October was normal rainfall, and below normal temperature, our first killing frost on the 10th, and frozen ground several nights soon after that, with a light snowfall the 18th, not enough to cover the ground. Water springs and wells are still low, but the soil on top has plenty of moisture. We had many cloudy days followed by light showers and a cold spell again. Silo filling and fall seeding was done late. The corn in flat fields was poor this year, while on the well-drained soils it is almost normal, some of it froze before it was matured.

### Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus

We had some cool weather in October with occasional showers. Also, on the 18th and 19th we had snow, enough that the ground was white. At the same time the trees were very nearly at their peak of beauty, which is very unusual. Work for Oct. was mostly filling silo, which was a drawn out process this year. Not as much corn left to pick as usual. Very little picked in October this year, as it was hardly dry enough to crib yet. This seems to be an unusual crop year.

### Somerset County, Pa., by Mary A. Kinsinger

Weather for October started in nice and blue, but ended having mostly cloudy and damp weather. Not so much rain, but the evening of the 18th we had from 1½ to 2 inches of snow. On Thursday, the 19th we had snow showers till evening when it cleared off. The next morning the temperature dropped down to 12 degrees at the lowest places. Work among the men folks is cutting and husking corn and getting ready for winter. Also lots of carpenter work to be done before winter sets in.

### Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine Swarey

October started in rather foggy and cloudy; a good many cloudy days; 8 to 10 beautiful, clear blue Oct. days; lowest temperature, 18 degrees; 1½ to 2 in of rain; first killing frost on Oct. 11; first snowfall on October 18, which surprised many people. On the morning of the 19th the ground was white, we had approximately ½ in. on our open porch, but seemed we, living close to the mountains, had more than some places. Anyhow, it didn't last long, but surely felt chilly. This snowfall put 3 in. of water into our rain glass. Silo filling is done, and, I believe, the corn all husked, maybe some to be picked yet. No weddings yet, but a couple published October 22.

### Holmes County, Ohio, by Mrs. Perry A. Stutzman

We had our first killing frost Oct. 10, 31 degrees, colder in lower places. On Oct. 18, it was 29, and we had our first snow, enough to roll into balls to make ice cream. But it was all gone by the next p.m. It was just four months between our late spring frost, June 10, and our early fall frost, Oct. 10, but no crop shortage, on account of plenty good rain.

by Raymond M. Troyer

Typical fall weather, some bright October days, and also plenty of moisture. Wheat is all sowed, silos filled, and a few are starting to pick corn. We have had a wet and also short growing season, approximately 120 days between frosts, which makes for high moisture corn.

Barrs Mills, Ohio, by Jonas N. Bontrager

The coldest for October was 20 degrees, but it warmed up again. Rainfall about normal. Leaves are slowly falling. Farmers have started husking corn, which is a good crop. Some corn shocks have been pushed over by pranksters.

### Eastern Holmes Co., by Raymond S. Weaver

We still had wet weather during October. Corn husking got off to a late start, as corn has not dried out, due to good growing weather. We had our first frost on Oct. 1st, and the first killing frost on the 20th. On the 18th we had a light blanket of wet snow.

Southeastern Holmes Co., by John L. Yoder

For October we were having continued wet weather and not many sunshiny days, no hard rains, mostly damp and cool. Wheat is about all sowed. Farmers are picking corn, no shocks husked yet. Health is good, as far as I am aware of. Oct. 2 marks two years that my companion passed away, and Oct. 14, 49 years that my father passed away, so October is a month that brings memories for me.

Southwestern Holmes Co., by Eli A. Yoder

October's bright blue days were very scarce, as the cloudy, rainy weather we've been having all summer, continued through October, with about 4 inches of rain. On the 18th and 19th we had an unusual amount of snow for October, with about one inch on the ground. Farmers are done cutting corn and sowing wheat, and are starting to husk stalks. Corn is exceptionally good, except a few varieties that are blighted. Farmers are hurrying to get their last outside carpenter work done before it gets cold.

## CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS, Continued

### Wayne County, Ohio, by Mary B. Yoder

Had a lot of cool and damp weather in October. Had our first blanket of snow Oct. 18, and was down to 20 degrees Oct. 19.

### Ashland, Ohio, by Mary Brenneman

Weather for October was cool and wet, had our first snow on the 19th, but it melted nearly as fast as it came. Corn husking is in full swing when it isn't too wet, but no farmers are done yet through here. Yield is about average with very little blight. Wheat is up and is looking fair.

### Steuben County, Indiana, by Mrs. Noah N. Eicher

September was a cloudy month, last half of month was very wet, with lots of rain and a few thunder storms. Fields are too wet and muddy to fill silo. Potatoes are rotting in the fields. A potato grower has 60 acres of potatoes that rotted for him. October is still too wet to fill silo and dig potatoes. Had one week of rainy weather, Oct. 2 to 6. A few silos are filled, but no wheat is sown. Was also a problem to get foundation and frame up for our new school house, due to rainy weather. Had our first light frost Oct. 10, not much damage. Late planted corn is not ready for a hard frost.

October was a very wet and cloudy month. It makes me wonder how many states have of this wet and cloudy weather. October had only about two sunny days. Very little wheat sown. Farmers can't get into fields with combines. Soy beans suffer a great loss, are starting to mold on stalks. Some corn is molding where corn ears are upright and water gets in. Corn cannot be picked, even teams can't pull out loads without getting stuck. First killing frost, Oct. 11, first snow, Oct. 18.

### Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hiltz

September was a wet, cold, and hot month, and was the wettest September in the last 46 years in the Berne area, with 14 rainy days, totaling 8.34 inches of rain. Farmers have a hard time filling silos, combining beans, and picking tomatoes, some fear heavy loss. Statistics for the month are as follows: High, 88 degrees on the 17th; low, 39 on the 30th; rainfall, 8.34 inches; snow, none; 7 clear days, 13 partly cloudy, 10 cloudy, 14 rainy days; and 4 thunderstorms.

### LaGrange County, Indiana, by Miss Anna Eash

October had quite a few rainy days, and not very many sunny days. The 19th was a cool, sunny, clear day. Silos are mostly, or all, filled. Men had quite a time to get wheat sown, some of it was sown as late as Oct. 7. Having had much rain, it is now up. Corn fields are too wet at present, and not much is husked yet.

### Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

Weather was damp and cloudy with occasional rains. Not many beans harvested before the 10th. There are still a few fields to harvest. Temperature was 24 degrees the 15th and the 20th. Lots of corn was picked, which is a good crop.

### Branch County, Michigan, by Ora A. Graber

Cold and wet is the weather report of this area for October. Corn and beans are a fair crop, but harvesting problems are great, with very little sunshine the whole month. Corn is selling at \$1.25 a bushel, with high moisture tests bringing the receipts somewhat lower. Dear season will open in this area, Nov. 15, with plenty deer available. Lots of corn has been ruined and eaten by deer and coons this year, probably predicting a long winter.

### Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

Had a few nice bright October days, also lots of moisture, and cloudy days, coldest was 14 degrees. Had several hard frosts. Hand corn picking is in full swing, also a lot of plowing done. We had our first snow October 18.

### Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

Our real killing frost came on October 19, with the temperature at 17 degrees. Some people had apples frozen on the trees. We had over 2 inches of rain over the week-end of the 22nd, also had several inches snow on the 18th. Combining beans is on the program when weather permits, yields up to 50 bu. an acre. Several have started picking corn, but seems it's rather slow in drying out. I think it will be a good average yield.

### Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

Plenty of moisture throughout September, had mostly fair weather through October. Our first killing frost came Oct. 19 with temperature at 18 degrees. Many soybeans were harvested in October, average yield, 30 to 40 bu. per acre. Corn husking is on the go.

### Aylmer, Ontario, Canada, by LeRoy Eicher

October was rainy and cool. Some corn is being husked.

### Guaimaca, Honduras, by Joseph Stoll

The months of July, August, and September were quite dry this year, and pasture fields turned brown a few times. However, a few good rains at the end of September brought the quarterly total up to near normal, with 12.4 inches. Farmers are busy getting fields ready for the second major planting season of the year. This is the best time to plant beans, though corn is also planted. Some of the Amish are growing vegetables and peanuts, and also sorghum-sudan for pasture. Highest temperature in the past three months was 90 degrees on September 5, and the lowest, 62 on August 2.

## BAPTISMS

### Somerset County, Pennsylvania

**CORRECTION** — The name of Sarah, daughter of Pete E. Yoder was missing from the baptisms of the Upper District. Sorry!!

**BAPTISMS****Holmes County, Ohio**

Walnut Creek North District

September 17, by Bishop Mahlon Hostetler

Susie, daughter of Ura Burkholders

Clara, daughter of Levi A.C. Troyer

Fannie, daughter of Isaac Hostetler

Sharp Run District

By Bishop David E. Yoder

John, son of Joe J. Beachys

Eli, son of David M. Yoders

Amos, son of David M. Yoders

Katie, dau. of Mose A. Schlabachs

Miriam, dau. of Raymond M. Millers

Clark District, by Bishop Andy J. Yoder

Pete, son of Abe B. Millers

Henry, son of Mose Wengerts

Roman, son of David S. Yoders

Ben, son of Abe B. Millers

Anna, dau. of Noah J. Raber

Anna, dau. of Eli M. Yoder

Anna, dau. of Dan J.W. Miller

**Arthur, Illinois**

In Steve Kauffman district

October 1, by Bishop John E. Herschberger

Bessie, dau. of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kaufman

Ruth, dau. of Mr. and Mrs. Andy J. Miller

Luann, dau. of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Herschberger

Dorothy, dau. of Mr. and Mrs. Rudy D. Otto

Anna Mae, dau. of Mr. and Mrs. Enos M. Diener

Dorothy, dau. of Dea. and Mrs. John E. Otto

**Buchanan County, Iowa**

In South Middle District

October 15, by Bishop Atlee Shetler

Ervin, son of Levi Miller

Dan, son of Christ Miller

John, son of Rudy Gingerich

John, son of Levi Nissly

In South West District

October 15, by Bishop John Missly

Neal, son of Andy Kurtz Jr.

Freeda, dau. of David A. Yoder

**Jamesport, Missouri**

Middle District, September 10

Harvey, son of Harry W. and Mary Yoder

Minerva, dau. of Eli M. and Katie Bontrager

West District, September 24

Alvin, son of Jonas A. and Katie Kurtz

Florence, dau. of Ralph and Amanda Kramer

Mary Irene, dau. of Leroy and Sara Shrock

Betty, dau. of Eli N. and Malinda Troyer

South District, October 1

Norman, son of Menno A. and Ada Yoder

Martha, dau. of Andy N. and Emma Troyer

Amelia, dau. of Andy C. and Anna Gingerich

East District, October 15

Earnie, son of Dan S. and Arie Kauffman

Lovina, dau. of Mrs. Henry J. (Mary) Mast

Ada Mae, dau. of Lewis S. and Mary Kauffman

**Conneautville, Pennsylvania**

September 17, by Dan Gingerich

John, son of Isaac and Anna Fehr

Vernon, son of John and Anna Raber

Clare, dau. of Moses and Alta Schlabach

Barbara, dau. of Leroy and Ruth Marner

Clara Mae, dau. of Jacob and Ada Nisley

**MARRIAGES****Dover, Delaware**

Miller, Miller — Moses, son of Andy J.D. and Lydia (Troyer) Miller, and Lydiann, daughter of Jacob N. and Mary Ann (Coblentz) Miller, October 5.

King, Troyer — Bennie, son of Mrs. Mattie King, and Esther, daughter of Simon and Susanna (Beachy) Troyer, October 26.

**Ashland, Ohio**

Coblentz, Yoder — Moses, son of Pre. and Mrs. Roy M. Coblentz, and Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eli D. Yoder of Clark, Ohio, October 19.

Miller, Miller — Adam, son of Dea. and Mrs. Samuel E. Miller, and Lizzie, daughter of Bishop and Mrs. Dan Miller, October 26.

Yoder, Hershberger — Ben, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andy Yoder, and Fannie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hershberger, October 31.

**Holmes County, Ohio**  
Coblentz, Miller — Mose, son of the late Joe and Susan Coblentz, and Niva, daughter of Levi D. and Clara (Troyer) Miller, September 21.

Hochstetler, Hershberger — Emanuel, son of Mrs. Atlee Hochstetler, and Nettie, daughter of Eli E. and Alma (Kline) Hershberger, October 3

Raber, Yoder — Alvin, son of Paul and Mary (Bowman) Raber, and Esther, daughter of Henry and Katie (Hershberger) Yoder, October 5.

Miller, Mast — Jonas, son of Levi H. and Fannie (Kurtz) Miller, and Ella, daughter of Eli A. and Katie (Troyer) Mast, October 5.

Raber, Mast — Roman, son of Eli E. and Fannie (Raber) Raber, and Katie, daughter of Eli A. and Katie (Troyer) Mast, October 12.

Yoder, Troyer — Roman, son of David S. and Lydia (Yoder) Yoder, and Alma, daughter of John S. and Susie (Yoder) Troyer.

Raber, Schlabach — Jonas D., son of Dan J. Rabers, Millersburg R4, and Katie M., daughter of Mose A. Schlabach, Millersburg R4.

Hershberger, Miller — Edwin, son of Dan S. and Amanda (Miller) Hershberger, and Maryann, daughter of Roman E. and Ada (Yoder) Miller, by Bishop Noah J. Coblentz.

**Guaimaca, Honduras**

Stoll, Troyer — Abner, son of Ann and the late Peter Stoll, and Pollyanna, daughter of Pre. Orla Troyers, Topeka, Indiana, July 7, 1972.

Stoll, Martin — Ira, son of Albert and Mary Stoll, and Lizzie, daughter of Fannie and the late John Martin, May 26, 1972.

*October Marriages continued next month.*

# The Hour Glass

Days well spent are drops all sparkling  
 In the waters deep and broad,  
 Of Eternity's Great Ocean,  
 Every drop is held by God.  
 Days well spent are Shining Jewels  
 Scattered in the peaceful road  
 Which to happiness will lead us  
 To our Father's blest abode.

From the Writing Book of Lydia L. (Fisher) Petersheim



## To Recall a Few Memories of the Past by David Petersheim

### THE NEUHAUSER FAMILY

The Mennonite Cyclopedic Dictionary states of several different families emigrating from Alsace-Lorraine settling in Indiana and Illinois. The name spelled by some Newhauser and some Neuhauser.

In Lancaster County it was written Neuhauser. Christian Neuhauser came to Lancaster County about 1820 with his sister Magdalena who was married to a Kennel who died at sea, leaving some small children.

Christian settled near Mascot, then called Groves Mill, on a farm, and soon married Barbara, daughter of Bishop John Blank. She was a sister of Mary, wife of Jacob Stoltzfus, and Anna, wife of Christian Stoltzfus, both sons of Christian Stoltzfus, who came to Millcreek about 1800.

Christian Neuhauser was a son of Christian and Magdalena (Zwalder) Neuhauser. Magdalena was the oldest in the family of eight girls of an Amish bishop. Two married and lived at Ontario, Canada, one to a Gascho and the other to a Berkey.

John Neuhauser, youngest son of Christian and Magdalena (Zwalder) Neuhauser, arrived at New York in 1829, at the age of nineteen. His uncle in Canada had forwarded money for his passage to America. He found his way to Ontario and worked two years for his uncle who had an uncontrollable temper, and practiced strict economy.

After working the time to pay his dues he started for the states to find his brother and sister. The only mark he had was that they lived near Bird-in-Hand. On his arrival he found no one who could talk French, the only language he could speak or understand.

Despairing and downhearted he wandered on till he came to a woman heaping hay. She spoke to him in Pennsylvania Dutch, asking what he was looking for. He didn't understand what she said but did realize she was a sympathetic listener.

After telling her his story of looking for his brother and sister, speaking in the French language, she asked him, also in French, what his name is. "John Neuhauser," was the reply. Next, "What is your father's name?" "Christian Neuhauser." "And your mother's name?" "Magdalena Zwalder." "And who are this brother and sister you are hunting?" "Christian Neuhauser and Magdalena Kennel." She then replied, "I am your sister, and this is your brother's farm."

John married March 3, 1833, to Lydia Blank, granddaughter of Bishop John Blank. They lived in the Gap area, farming awhile, and then in the milling business. His retired life he lived at Limeville. His second wife was Anna Umble, daughter of Henry Umble.

The eleven children of John and Lydia (Blank) Neuhauser were: Christian, married Catharine Stoltzfus; Fanny, married Jacob Mast; John, married Mattie Burkey; Mattie, married Mose Yoder; Stephen, married Lydia Miller; Samuel, died single; Jacob, married Barbara Esch; Henry, married Susan Walker; Amos, died single; Jonas, the first, died young; and Anna, married Henry Troyer. The three children of his second wife were: Susan, married Abram K. Stoltzfus; Jonas U., married Malinda Mast; and Isaac U., married Mabel Wiker.

John Neuhauser, buried at Blank Cemetery, Spring Garden; stone reads, born March 10, 1810, died June 26, 1878, age 68 yrs., 3 mo., 16 days.

Lydia Neuhauser, buried at Blank Cemetery; stone reads, born May 22, 1811, died April 21, 1851, age 39 yrs., 11 mo., 2 days.

The three boys that died single, Samuel, Amos, and Jonas, the first, are buried with them.

Christian and Barbara Neuhauser had four children: John B., married Annie Stoltzfus, daughter of Abraham and Susie (Fisher) Stoltzfus; lived in the Leola area. The Fisher Book #3418 lists Barbara, and John, as

their children. In their burial lot at Myers there is a small grave "Rebecca Neuhauser;" one stone marked "IN 1855," and another stone with no inscription. John born 1824, died 1897; Annie born 1829, died 1913, buried at Myers.

Barbara Neuhauser was the first wife of Christian F. Glick, and mother of Isaac N. Glick, Smoketown. Gravestone at Myers reads, "B Glick, 21 yr., 3 da., 1873." A daughter, Anna is buried beside her, 7 yrs., 1 mo., 18 days. She died Jan. 1, 1878.

John Neuhauser, brother of Barbara, born 1863, married Mary Smucker, in 1884. She was born 1863, and died 1885, leaving one child, Anna Mary. Anna Neuhauser was raised at the home of her grandmother, Anly (Anna) Neuhauser. She was a cripple. She was the third wife of Gideon W. Bender, and lived awhile at Leola, Pa., later at Dover, Delaware, and is buried at Somerset County, Pennsylvania. Mary (Smucker) Neuhauser is buried at Myers. John, her husband, went to Philadelphia after the death of his wife, and was a street car conductor.

Susanna Neuhauser, born 1826, and died 1888, is buried beside her parents at Myers; not married.

Barbara Neuhauser, born 1829, married Samuel Mast, son of John Mast, who lived at Long Green, Maryland. Samuel is buried in Maryland, and Barbara at Myers, died 1887.

Christian B. Neuhauser, born 1834, married Elizabeth Mast, daughter of John Mast of Long Green, Maryland, in 1854, lived at Long Green, died in 1903.

Jacob, son of Christian and Elizabeth (Mast) Neuhauser, born 1858, and died 1878, appears to have been with his uncle, John Neuhauser at Leola, is buried at Myers, next to his aunt, Barbara Mast.

Henry Stoltzfus was hired boy for Christian Neuhauser. Henry married Leah Zook in 1860 and started housekeeping on the Neuhauser farm. Christians moved into the house on the north side of the driveway, where Widow Mary Stoltzfus, and Daniel E. Kings, now live.

Henry Stoltzfus was later called "Henner." His son, Daniel Z. Stoltzfus was next on the farm, followed by his son-in-law, Aaron B. Stoltzfus, and now farmed by his son, Daniel S. Stoltzfus.

Christian Neuhauser, born Jan. 30, 1796, died June 20, 1882; his wife, Barbara, born Feb. 1790, died March 13, 1873; both buried at Myers.

The End

#### FROM OUT OF THE PAST

Baptized by John S. Zook in the year 1914  
 Benjamin Stoltzfus, married Annie Beiler  
 Jacob K. Zook, married Annie D. Zook  
 Moses B. Zook, married Malinda F. Stoltzfus  
 Benjamin Lapp, married Lydia King  
 John F. Stoltzfus, married Malinda E. Stoltzfus  
 Rachel Stoltzfus, married Pre. Ben Kauffman  
 Rachel Smoker, unmarried  
 Susie Stoltzfus, married Levi Stoltzfus  
 Priscilla Stoltzfus, married Abram Stoltzfus  
 Priscilla Zook, married Elam Stoltzfus  
 Submitted by Moses B. Zook

#### REGINA, THE GERMAN CAPTIVE;

or,

#### TRUE PIETY AMONG THE LOWLY.

By Rev. R. Weiser

Continued from last month

Chapter XIV — Regina and her Mother—Piety of Mrs. Hartman—Her Sickness—Regina's ceaseless Attention to her afflicted Mother—Her Happiness in Prospect of Heaven—Her Happy Death.

Regina was happy and contented with her lot. God was always in her thoughts; and, as she had been fortunate enough to procure a copy of Arndt's "True Christianity" and "Paradise Garden," she had something to occupy her time. Sometimes, too, she would make little Indian baskets, and other things she had learned among the Indians, for the children. She made rapid progress in the divine life, although she often deplored her proneness to sin and her apathy toward heavenly things. Yet she loved her Savior with a sincere heart and pure affection. He was her all. She had learned to know him by a happy experience, and he was "the fairest among ten thousand" to her. Arndt's "True Christianity" was a great help to her. She had formed her religious views from the Bible and Arndt, and had, of course, a good system. This is one of the best systems of biblical and practical theology in the world; and any person who reads it must become pious and holy. Regina was much in the habit of reading this excellent book; and, as her mother's eyesight had failed, she read aloud every day, so that all could hear it, both from the Bible and Arndt's book. Regina was particularly fond of the twentieth chapter of the first book of the "True Christianity," which she had read over so often that she knew it by heart. And, as it did her so much good, perhaps it may be of some service to the reader; we will, therefore, furnish a translation of this beautiful chapter. It is based upon a passage in Heb. xiii. 14:—"For here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come."

"All the temporal blessings which God has provided for us are given for the support of our earthly existence. They should only be applied for this purpose. We should receive everything from God with contentment and gratitude. We should always endeavor to use all the gifts of God with a view of promoting the objects for which they are given. If a man abounds in wealth, it is given him as a trial, to see how he would employ it,—whether he would remain submissive to God, love and esteem him above all things, or whether he would withdraw his heart from God, yield to the world and its lusts, and thus barter his eternal salvation for the transitory things of this life! God, who, consistently with his wisdom and holiness, never compels man to do good,—for that only is true godliness and virtue which is performed with delight and a willing mind,—has, on this account, left it optional with man what course to take; while, through

the medium of riches, talents, and honors, he proves him, to see how he would be disposed toward God:—whether he would thereby suffer himself to be separated from God, or remain faithful to him. So then he can be judged according to his own choice,—according to Moses: Deut. xxx. 19.

"Dear Christian, ever bear in mind that the objects of this world are not designed to be your chief good, but that God has conferred them upon you that you should enjoy them in a proper way. You are placed over them as a steward, in order to show that you have been faithful in small things, so that ultimately God may place you over greater things in heaven. Many, alas! neglect this. They seek their greatest pleasure and gratification in sensual indulgence:—in eating and drinking, in costly attire, in splendor and glory, in an effeminate manner of living, and in other earthly enjoyments. By these things they neglect God and lose heaven, to prepare for whose enjoyment they were created and placed in this world. Guard against such a delusion. Keep constantly before your eyes the grand object of your creation. Let this sentiment ever be impressed upon your mind:—"We are but sojourners and pilgrims and candidates for heaven; hence, we will act accordingly. We will use temporal things for our support, to supply our wants and properly to sustain our bodies; and the pleasant things which may fall to our lot in this pilgrim-world—the possession of which is uncertain, as their enjoyment is transient—shall not so much engage our attention as to cause us to lose our better inheritance in heaven, which is to endure forever. We will enjoy them with a constant remembrance of God, endeavoring always to preserve a pure and holy heart, and never so ardently seek, wish for, or use the world as though we regarded it as our chief good; but heaven shall remain our greatest delight and treasure, and nothing in this world shall give us so much joy and be so highly esteemed." Endeavor always to cherish such a frame of mind, for this is the evidence of being a true Christian.

"While we are pilgrims and strangers on earth, why should men, for the sake of earthly things which all perish in their using, expose themselves to the wrath of God?

"For what would it profit a man, though he enjoyed the greatest pleasures and the most abundant riches and were held in the highest esteem, if he had no hope of heaven?

"He who would be better advised, and lay up treasures in heaven which time cannot destroy nor death take from him, should always remember that there is another and a better world, and he should lay up treasures there. He who does not do this lives in folly and blindness. He lives like an irrational creature, and, as such, he will perish forever. Ps. xlvi. 20.

"Such a one might rejoice in God his Savior. He might be sustained by the blessed comforts of religion and attain to the unspeakable happiness of heaven; yea, he might participate in those blessed luxuries of true godliness, which are far superior to

all the joys of the mere worldling; but he rejoices in sin and worldliness and seeks only its transitory joys! This is a low and degraded state of mind. He was indeed created for a blessed immortality, but, like a beast, he desires to live at ease only to the hour of his death. Such are poor, deluded, miserable men, that sit, as the prophet truly says, 'in the valley and shadow of death.'

"It should occasion the Christian no regret that he is a stranger and a pilgrim in this fleeting world; but this fact should teach him that he was created for a higher and a nobler state of existence beyond the grave. Hence, true Christians do not look at this world as their home, but they look forward to one far more glorious and blessed, for which they would give two worlds like the present; yea, they would offer up their lives and all they had for the sake of that better world!

"The true Christian inwardly rejoices. He daily blesses God for the hope of heaven, and is deeply concerned that he may become rich in good works, and thus become more and better prepared for the enjoyment of that inheritance for which God created and Jesus Christ redeemed him."

This was the teaching that made Regina strong in the Lord. She looked upon this world only as a means of attaining a higher and more blessed state of being.

In the fall of the year, Mrs. Hartman was taken ill. Her sickness was severe from the beginning; and being old, and having endured many hardships, she herself said it would be unto death. She helped herself as long as she could; but at length her strength failed her, and Regina watched over her with the tenderest care. She prayed with her, and sang those cheering German hymns that have smoothed the passage to the grave for millions.

Mrs. Hartman had very clear and enlarged views of Christ and his work of redemption. She had served him from her youth, and, as she used to say, "He will not now forsake me in mine old age." She spent much of her time in prayer; and Regina had to read to her those cheering and refreshing prayers in Starcke's Prayer Book, prepared for the dying. Oh, how happy true religion can make Christians in a dying hour!

How true it is that

"Jesus can make a dying bed  
Feel soft as downy pillows are;  
While on his heart I lean my head  
And breathe my soul out sweetly there!"

All this Mrs. Hartman and every other child of God experienced. Regina had many an excellent conversation with her mother about the things of God; and the heroic conduct of her mother strengthened her own soul, and often made her wish that her time to die would also soon come.

This fall Mrs. Hartman could not attend communion at the church. And yet she had a sincere desire once more to eat and drink "the body and blood" of her Savior. She, therefore, requested Christian to go across the mountains and bring the Rev. Emanuel Schultz (then pastor of the Lutheran church at Tul-

pehocken) over. Mr. Schultz came; and Regina joined her mother in the communion. Mr. Schultz had a great deal of conversation with Mrs. Hartman and Regina, and was amazed at the clear and intelligent views they had of religion. He used to say, "that among the mountains, in small cabins, he believed there was more true piety than in the splendid mansions of the wealthy."

He used to say of this visit, that "he was as much benefited as the poor dying widow. It does a pious minister good to see a saint on the borders of the promised land, and to hear the soul's testimony to the truth of the doctrines he has been teaching." They had a solemn and a blessed time; it was good to be there.

When the good pastor was gone, Mrs. Hartman said to Regina, "Now, my dear daughter, I am prepared to depart in peace. I desire to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord. I have given up all; and I am now ready to depart."

Regina wept. How could she part with her mother? —that dear, affectionate mother, who had done so much for her. Yet she knew it was her duty to submit. She made up her mind, therefore, to submit to the will of her heavenly Father.

Soon after, Mrs. Hartman began to sink. Her strength was gone, and she felt that death was coming on rapidly. But as she approached the dark waters of the Jordan of death, her faith became stronger and her hope brighter. Her religion sustained her in every trial and did not forsake her in a dying hour.

Before she became insensible, she had all the family called around her dying bed, and exhorted them to love and serve God and to promise to meet her in heaven. It was solemn and affecting to hear her exhortations. The whole family was deeply affected, and many tears were shed. God was there. The impressions then made upon the hearts of all present were not soon forgotten! There was deep silence in the humble cottage. Mrs. Hartman was dying; but her faith was strong in the Lord, and the grim monster, death, was changed into a messenger of peace. Mrs. Hartman had thought so much of death, and lived in such a state of preparation for this solemn event, that she felt calm and resigned. Like Arndt, from whose writings she had learned so much, she made many preparations of which most persons never think.

It is said that Arndt preached his own funeral sermon from Ps. cxxvi. 5, 6:—"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him." This sermon was preached at Zell, on the 30th of May, 1621. When he came out of the church, he remarked to his excellent wife, "I have now preached my own funeral sermon." It was so; for, soon after he took sick and died.

Mrs. Hartman selected her own funeral text; also the clothes she wished to be buried in; gave directions about her funeral, and then committed her soul into the hands of her merciful Savior. To die was to

her the most pleasant part of her life. God her Savior was with her, and, while others were weeping, she alone was calm and happy.

God, in his mercy, made her passage to the grave light and easy. She died without a struggle or a groan. So calm and tranquil was her end, that those who stood around her dying bed did not know for some time that her pure, blood-washed spirit had taken its flight to the bosom of her Savior.

"If this be dying," exclaimed a neighbor-woman, "then 'let me die the death of the righteous, and let my last end be like this.'"

Regina was deeply affected. She longed for the hour of her own departure. But she did not murmur. God had done it; and she felt it her duty to submit to his will. When the funeral was over, the house seemed very gloomy. Even the little children trod softly for some days. Christian and Susan became more earnest in their religion; and this visitation of God's providence was greatly blessed to the whole family. All laid the death of the beloved mother to heart. She was faithful in life and beloved in death.

In looking back upon the life of Mrs. Hartman, we find a rare example of piety and good sense, and warm devotion to her family. We see her, indeed, in humble and lowly circumstances, but true to her duty as a wife and a mother. It is delightful to trace the workings of the mighty grace of God in such a heart, and to see religion in such a simple form. With little mental culture, and less worldly refinement, we have all the pure and elevated piety of the most accomplished Christian. Look at her pure affection and undying love for her lost daughter; look, too, at her more than Spartan heroism in trying to recover her lost child! But she is gone; her record is on high.

#### CHAPTER XV.

##### Regina—Her Character—Her Piety—Her End.

Regina felt lonesome for some time after the death of her mother; but her strong confidence in God enabled her to be reconciled to her affliction. She remained with her brother Christian, and spent her time in reading and prayer and making herself useful in the family.

Arndt's "True Christianity" was, next to the Bible, her best companion. She loved to read it, and also to meditate upon what she read. She found it an inexhaustible source of comfort and consolation.

She went to church as often as she could, which, during the summer, was once a month; for the pastor (Rev. Emanuel Schultz) only preached once every four weeks in Tulpehocken.

Regina became quite an intelligent Christian for the opportunities she had. She was much respected by all who knew her; but always—even when she was quite an old woman—was called "the Indian maid."

She paid great attention to the religious education of Susan's children. She often talked with them of the Savior, and pointed out to them the way of salvation.

She was habitually grave and serious, but not melancholy and morose. She used to say, "She could not see why Christians should not be cheerful and

happy." She had made her peace with God. She was washed in the blood of Christ, and, through him, she had a hope of heaven; and she knew he was all-powerful and could keep that which was committed into his hands.

She saw little company, and cared but little about the things of this world, which all perish in their using. There were only a few families that she ever visited. One of them was a house about four miles from where she lived; and in that house there was a pious old German woman, who was much afflicted. She had spinal disease, and was confined to her bed for many years. Regina used to visit her once a week and converse with her; and she always took Arndt's "True Christianity" along and read a chapter or two for her edification. In this way she did good to all she could. She loved to visit the sick; it was part of her religion, and it was also good for her own soul. Thus she spent her time, in the service of her God and Savior, until she became old; and died at a good old age, with strong confidence in the Lord.

She was buried by the side of her mother; and, though no monument marks the spot where she lies, the angels watch over her sleeping dust. Her record is on high; and her soul dwells with that blessed Savior who loved her and bought her with his own blood, who watched over her when she was among the wild Indians, and who brought her back to her

mother, and at last sanctified her with his own precious blood, and fitted her for a seat of glory at his right hand in heaven.

Thus we see what the grace of God can do. How wonderful are God's ways! Verily, he "is no respector of persons," but will hear all those of every nation who will call upon his holy name.

We are now done with the history of Regina. And we would ask the dear children who read this narrative, to take Regina for a pattern. See how faithful she was. She used her talent well. She had not half the opportunities which many of you have, and yet she found her way to the feet of her Redeemer. See, too, what good use she made of the little knowledge she had of the Lord. She never saw a Sabbath-school, nor ever had the advantages of a library. Make good use of your time; learn all you can while you are young, and it will serve you perhaps in old age; or if, like poor Regina, you should meet with misfortunes, you will have a real treasure to fall back upon. The same blessed Savior who followed Regina among the savage Indians, and who watched over her, is also your Savior, and is following you, and watching over you to make you happy. Shall he seek you in vain? Oh, no; let every one determine that he or she will also seek the Lord. May God bless this story to your soul's good!

THE END

## AMISH IN HONDURAS

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400 acres up for sale. The adjoining farm of about the same size was also for sale.

Mr. Huppke offered to give immediate possession of his farm, complete with cattle and equipment. There was a two-story house on the farm, a large orchard of mangos and citrus fruits, a system of canals for irrigation, and most of the farm was cleared and in pasture.

"This farm can support a hundred people," declared Mr. Huppke, "all it needs is to be developed." On the strength of that statement, the farm was purchased. (Now, three years later, it is supporting well over that number if the workers and their families are included.)

The newly-purchased farm was located sixty miles northeast of Tegucigalpa on the road to Olancho. The road is heavily traveled but very curvy and hilly. The trip is rarely made in less than three hours, and usually takes four, and sometimes five.

Guaimaca is a typical Honduran town of several thousand population. Its economy depends on the sawmill just outside town, and on farming and cattle raising. The Amish live two or three miles from Guaimaca. The town has several general stores, a clinic and two gas stations, but no bank, no paved streets, and no sewage disposal except for the ever-present pigs and chickens.

The Guaimaca Amish settlement is located at an altitude of 1650 feet, which is enough to give it a pleasant climate. To the north lies a tall mountain range, with Mt. Misoco rising the highest to over

seven thousand feet, or nearly a mile higher than where the Amish live in the valley. The scenic view of this mountain has become a part of the lives of the Amish in Honduras.

The soil varies from field to field, both in depth of topsoil and in texture. Most types are easy to work with, and it is common to raise several crops between plowings. After a crop such as corn is taken off, the soil is easily prepared for the next crop with nothing more than a spring tooth harrow. This looseness of the soil, however, causes a problem with erosion.

The prevailing winds are from the east. The annual rainfall is a little over forty inches, and this is received from May to November, the rainy season. March and April are the warmest months, and also the driest. The winter months are the coolest and most pleasant. During the past three years the temperature has reached 90 degrees only on twenty days, with the highest reading being 95. The lowest has been 46.

Rain usually falls in the afternoon or at night. Thunder and lightning are not uncommon, but most of our rains came without them. High winds or tropical storms such as hurricanes are unknown. Earthquakes are not common.

### A List of Families

At this writing, September 25, 1972, there are 16 homes, or families, in the Amish settlement, all living on the two tracts of land that have been purchased. A description of each family and the date of arrival, follow:

(1) Peter Stoll family, from Aylmer, Ontario, Canada. Arrived at Guaimaca, December, 1968. Peter Stoll born Jan. 19, 1912, son of Victor and Emma (Graber) Stoll. Died in Honduras of a heart attack, October 7, 1971, age 59 years.

Wife, Anna Stoll, born Jan. 28, 1912, daughter of Joseph K. and Sarah (Lengacher) Wagler.

Children coming along to Honduras: Mary, born 1945 (returned to Canada, and now married to David Luthy); Abner (see below); Sarah, born 1949; Mark, born 1952.

Soon after arriving in Honduras, two homeless children, a brother and a sister, were added to the family. They are Conchita, born 1964, and Inez, born 1966.

(2) Alva Stoll Family. Alva, born Sept. 4, 1940, son of Peter and Anna Stoll; married to Bertha (Kauffman), born July 16, 1942, daughter of Alvin and Anna Kauffman; Children: Gideon, 1967; Philip, 1969; Rebecca, 1970; and Rachel, 1972

(3) Ira Stoll Family. Ira, born May 20, 1939, son of Albert and Mary (Wagler) Stoll; married May 26, 1972 to Lizzie Martin, born Oct. 29, 1939, daughter of John (dec.) and Fannie Martin; the first Amish wedding in Honduras.

Their three foster children, natives of British Honduras, are Fidelia, 1963; Matthew and Mark, twins born 1968.

(4) Abner Stoll, born March 6, 1947, son of Peter and Anna Stoll; married July 7, 1972, to Pollyanna Troyer, born Nov. 3, 1948, daughter of Orla and Edna (Yoder) Troyer of Topeka, Indiana.

(5) Pre. Richard Hochstetler Family. Richard, born March 17, 1941, son of Andrew M. and Savilla Hochstetler; married to Esther, born Oct. 21, 1941, daughter of Harvey and Lizzie (Lapp) Miller.

Richards returned to Indiana in March, 1969 to sell their home near Nappanee. While in Indiana they adopted a newborn baby, Delilah, born April 26, 1969. In August of 1970 they arrived in Honduras for the second time. Their children, besides Delilah, are Diana, born 1970, and Dorcas, 1972. A Honduran girl, Maria Alvarez, age 19, makes her home with Richards.

(6) The Samuel Eicher Family arrived in August, 1969, from Aylmer, Ontario. Samuel is a son of Jacob and Lydia (Miller) Eicher, born Aug. 3, 1938. His wife is Ruth, born April 8, 1942, daughter of Peter and Anna Stoll.

Children: Jerry, 1961; Susanna, 1962; John, 1963; Miriam, 1965; Jacob, 1967; Samuel Jr., 1969; and Sara Mae, 1971.

Sammie has worked up a thriving business with his shop, in which he has a full line of machine tools. He has manufactured forty farm wagons and trailers, and does much repair work. Emil Helmuth is employed there also.

(7) The Deacon Stephen Stoll Family arrived in October, 1969, from Aylmer, Ontario. Stephen was born June 16, 1937, son of Peter and Anna Stoll, and is married to Katie, born Feb. 28, 1936, daughter of Noah and Nancy (Lichti) Gascho.

Children: James, 1958; Daniel and David (twins), 1960; Harold, 1961; Nathaniel, 1966; and Nancy, 1968.

(8) The Joseph Stoll Family arrived October, 1969. Joseph was born Dec. 1, 1935, son of Peter and Anna (Wagler) Stoll; married to Laura, born April 9, 1934, daughter of Noah and Nancy (Lichti) Gascho.

Children: Paul, 1958; Rosanna, 1959; Peter, 1960; Timothy, 1962; Naomi, 1964; Christian, 1966; Elizabeth, 1968; Martha, 1969; and Mary, 1971.

(9) Colonia Sanson (the Children's Home). Early in 1970, four Amish girls, all single, came to Guaimaca with the object of caring for homeless and orphan children. In the 2½ years since then, the number of children has increased, but the staff has remained the same. A three-man board oversees the project, which is largely supported by donations. Two houses have been built.

The four girls on the staff are:

a. Elizabeth Schmucker, born March 19, 1934, daughter of Eli (dec.) and Mary Schmucker, Nappanee, Indiana. Lizzie cares for five children, as follows: Rosa, 1961; Melba, 1962; Guiermo, 1963; and Orlando, 1971.

b. Erma Schmucker is a sister to Elizabeth, and was born Dec. 14, 1938. Children: Maria, 1968; and Glenda, 1972.

c. Lydia Mae Hochstetler, born April 13, 1933, daughter of Levi R. and Tillie Hochstetler. Children: John Mark, born 1972.

d. Martha Schlabach, born Oct. 29, 1938, daughter of Albert (dec.) and Katie (Yoder) Schlabach of Kalona, Iowa. Martha has been serving as secretary-treasurer, as well as teaching school.

(10) The Bishop Monroe D. Hochstetler Family arrived in April, 1970, from Aylmer, Ontario. Monroe was born Sept. 12, 1931, a son of Dan (dec.) and Salina (Hochstetler) Hochstetler. His wife is Mary, born July 9, 1931, daughter of Jerry and Iva (Schmucker) Slabaugh.

Children: Iva Mae, 1952; Glen, 1954; Daniel, 1955; Samuel, 1957; Edward, 1959; David, 1960; Edna, 1962; John, 1964; Barbara, 1966; Susan, 1968; Joseph, 1970; and Rosemary, 1972.

Monroe was ordained minister in May, 1971, bishop in February, 1972; both ordinations in Honduras.

(11) The Emil Helmuth Family arrived in Honduras in May, 1970, from Nappanee, Indiana. Emil was born Feb. 6, 1934, son of Harvey and Katie (Miller) Helmuth. His wife is Edna, born July 31, 1933, daughter of Jerry and Iva (Schmucker) Slabaugh.

Children: Ernest, 1957; Edith, 1960; Nancy, 1961; Norma, 1962; Kathryn, 1964; Harlan, 1966; Marvin, 1968; and Jonathan, 1969.

Emil is employed at Taller Mecanica Sanson (Sam Eicher's shop) and he also manages the store.

(12) The Pre. Vernon Schmucker Family arrived in November, 1970, from Nappanee, Indiana. Vernon was born Jan. 2, 1932, son of Eli and Mary (Yoder) Schmucker. His wife, Katie, was born Feb. 8, 1936, the daughter of Gilbert M. and Annie (Hershberger) Hochstetler.

Children: Deborah, 1957; Paul, 1958; Carolyn, 1959; Ernest, 1961; Maryanna, 1962; Gilbert, 1964; Lydia Mae, 1965; Esther, 1968; and Martha Joy, 1970.

(13) The LeRoy Hochstetler Family arrived in Honduras in November, 1970, from Nappanee, Indiana. LeRoy was born April 26, 1931, son of Dan I. and Barbara (Schmucker) Hochstetler, both deceased. His wife, Lydia Mae, was born Feb. 24, 1938, the daughter of Gilbert M. and Annie (Hershberger) Hochstetler.

Children: Rebecca, 1958; Daniel, 1959; Anna Sue, 1961; Ruth, 1963; Joseph, 1964; Catherine, 1966; John, 1969; Barbara, 1969; and Mary, 1970.

(14) The David Peachey Family arrived from their former home in Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania, in early January, 1971. David, born Nov. 26, 1924, is the son of Jacob and Sadie Peachey of Leola, Penna. His wife, Miriam, was born Dec. 9, 1926, the daughter of David (dec.) and Mima Renno, of Belleville, Pa.

Children: David Jr., 1956; Rebecca, 1958; Joseph, 1959; Rhoda, 1963; and Daniel, 1965.

The Peacheys have built a feed mill and do custom grinding, as well as stocking feed and fence supplies, etc.

(15) The Daniel Miller, Jr. Family arrived Nov., 1971, from Nappanee, Indiana. Daniel was born Dec. 12, 1934, the son of Daniel and Saloma(Kauffman) Miller (dec.), of near Middlebury, Indiana. His wife, Sylvia, was born May 6, 1934, the daughter of Joe T. and Ida (Miller) Schlabach (dec.).

Children: Paul, 1955; Dora, 1956; Pollyanna, 1957; Sharon, 1960; LaVerda, 1963; Esther, 1967; Mary, 1968; Ruth, 1970.

(16) John and Ada Martin are a brother and sister who arrived in April, 1972, from their former home in British Honduras. Another sister, Lizzie, came with them, and in May of 1972, became the bride of Ira Stoll.

John was born Dec. 16, 1938, and Ada, Aug. 1, 1937. They are the children of John (dec.) and Fannie Martin. They brought two foster children with them from British Honduras, Luis, 1958; and Magdalena, 1967.

#### The Outlook

Many Amish settlements last only a few years and then die out. There have been dozens of these in the past hundred years. Economic hardships, isolation, church problems, lack of enough families to really get a start--these are common causes.

What is the outlook for the Amish in Honduras? What are the chances for new settlements elsewhere in Honduras, or in other Central American countries? These are good questions, but the uncertainties of the future make them hard to answer.

It is only honest to admit that the risks of establishing a settlement are greater in Latin America than, at present, in the United States or Canada. But then, it was also a bit risky for our forefathers to leave Europe, cross the Atlantic, and face the American wilderness. Time has proven they did the right thing. It may, or may not, prove the same about twentieth-century settlers to Latin America.

The first four years in Honduras have been years of growth, and also years of adjustment--to a new climate, to living among a people with a different culture and language, and to an economy where labor is worth a dollar and a half a day.

There are naturally some clouds on the horizon, some disadvantages that must be lived with or overcome. One is the great distance from relatives and friends, from churches of like mind. There is a need for additional churches within easy traveling distance.

One cause of concern has been financial. The present families have learned that it takes longer than expected to get on a sound financial footing. There have been houses to build and many other expenses. Adding to the problem have been night-time losses to thieves--pigs, chickens, tools, potatoes, and money.

Jesus told his followers, "The poor ye have always with you." This is certainly true in Honduras. It is one of the unsolved problems facing the Amish. Can they be a light to the natives if the gap in living standards is too great? How can the natives best be helped?

We trust there are solutions to every problem, and that God will give His grace as needed. Sometimes, trials are the stepping stones to deeper faith. As settlers in a strange land, we have been reminded that we are strangers and pilgrims on earth, and that our material goods are not our own, but merely entrusted to us to use to God's honor and glory. Non-resistance has become not just a theory, but a reality. We have been challenged to live less luxuriously as we have come face to face with the poor and hungry. We have had to ask ourselves the question, "Why are we in Honduras?" Surely, if it is for selfish reasons, we have no business being here.

There are many bright signs for the future. The Amish, as a whole, like the climate and the country exceptionally well. Conquering the Spanish language has been a major hurdle, but the worst is past. The Honduran people are friendly and respectful.

The school has been operated without interference or restrictions. The two classrooms have a combined enrollment of nearly fifty.

All the families are living on the two adjoining tracts of land that were purchased, and all are within walking distance of each other. The greatest distance is probably a mile and a half.

There is a full ministry--a bishop, two preachers, and a deacon, so the problem that caused the Mexico settlement of the 1920s to fail, does not exist for the Honduran Amish.

With sixteen families, the settlement has reached a nice size, well above the minimum of ten families that historians say is essential.

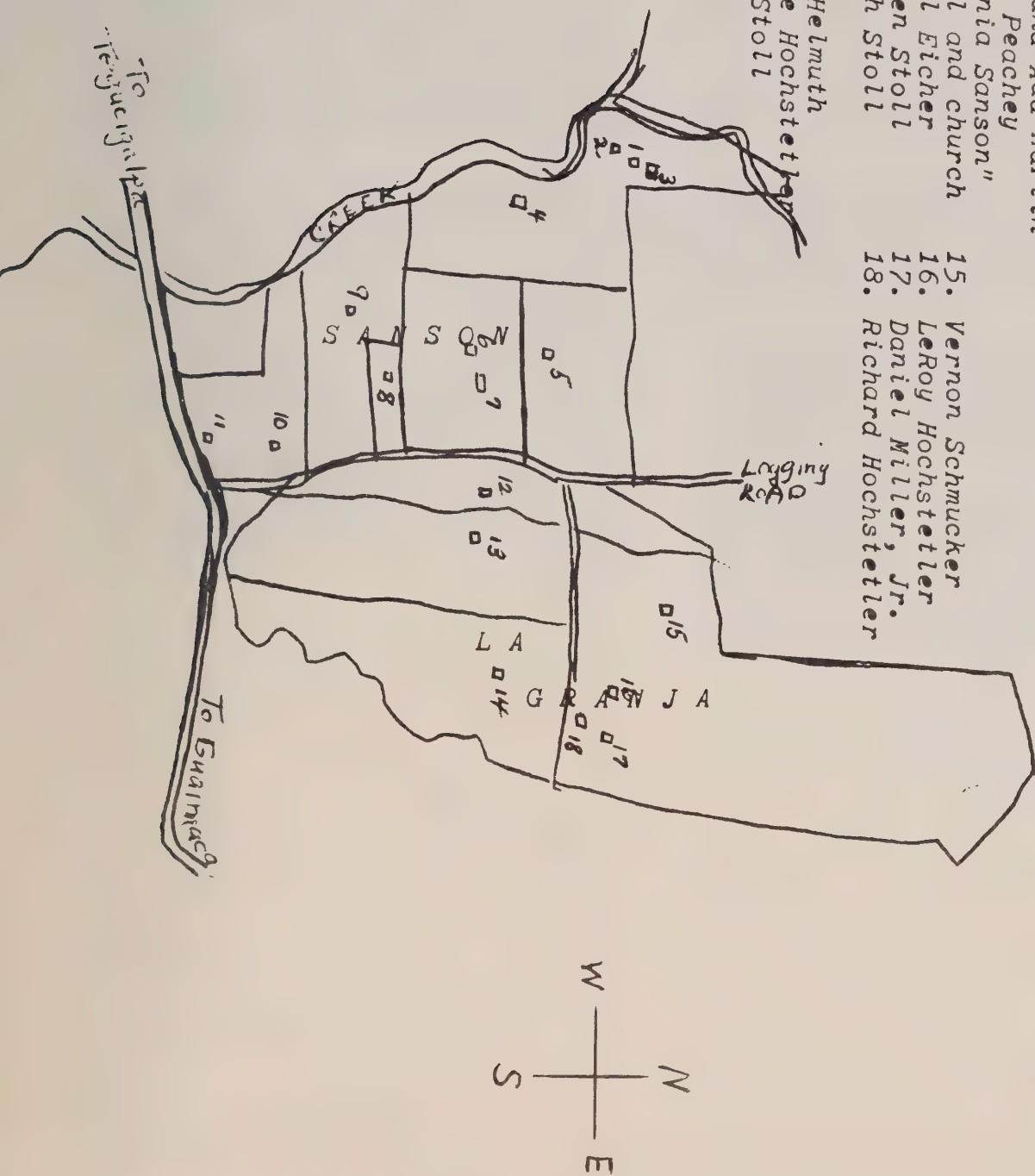
Certainly, no one knows what the future holds. But for the present time, the 131 persons that make up the Guaimaca, Honduras Amish settlement are hopeful.

- The End -

THE AMISH SETTLEMENT

Guaimaca, Honduras

Situated on two tracts of land, "Sanson" and "La Granja", adjoining each other and nearly identical in size.



**THE AMISH SETTLEMENT  
AT GUAIMACA, HONDURAS**  
By Joseph Stoll

Except for a brief settlement in Mexico in the mid-1920s, the Amish have not, till recently, ventured out of the United States and Canada since coming over from Europe. Only in the last five or six years has much interest been shown in Latin America.

The country of Honduras is a small mountainous land in Central America, a little larger than the state of Tennessee, yet having fewer people. Honduras is sometimes called a banana republic, for thousands of acres of bananas are grown on the hot lowlands of the north coast. But most of the people live in the upland regions where the climate is pleasant and healthful the year around.

The native peoples of Honduras are mostly of the MESTIZOS, a mixture of Indian and white. Nearly three-fourth of them make a scant living from farming. The rural people are poorly-educated, and many are illiterate. They are a friendly cheerful people in spite of their difficult lives,—hard-working and uncomplaining.

There is no state church in Honduras, and there is freedom of religion. But most of the people belong to the Catholic Church. The church, however, has done little to make them a more devout and honest people. Most marriages are common-law, and moral standards are low.

The Mennonites have had mission and service projects in Honduras for more than twenty years. The word MENONITA is fairly well known in the country. They have worked mostly along the north coast and in Tegucigalpa.

Thus we have a brief description of the country which certain Amish families chose for their home in the closing months of 1968.

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**The Amish Arrive**

My parents, Peter and Anna Stoll (address, Aylmer, Ontario, Canada at that time) with my unmarried brothers and sisters spent the winter of 1967-68 in British Honduras with the Amish group near Cayo. Dad had a brother and sister there, and Mom a sister.

(It should be made clear that Honduras and British Honduras are two distinct and separate countries, and do not even join boundaries. They have little in common, and confusing them is as much of an error as confusing North Carolina with North Dakota, or Mexico with New Mexico.

While visiting in British Honduras that winter, Peter Stoll, his son Abner and nephew Ira Stoll, made a trip by land down through Central America as far as Costa Rica. Their object was to look for possible settlement sites.

When they returned home to Ontario in the spring, it was with the hope of moving soon to some country of Central America, probably Honduras. Why Honduras? Partly because it is one of the emptiest and at the same time one of the poorest countries in C.A., and therefore in the worst need of agricultural settlers.

But would any other families be willing to move to such a great unknown, where the people, the language, the country and the climate were all so different? Dad had had previous experience with wanting to go to Latin America, and then having to give it up because no one else was interested. As early as 1945 he wanted to move to Mexico. Again in 1953 when the Aylmer, Ontario church was founded, Dad put in a bid, however feeble, to locate somewhere south of the Rio Grande.

In the fall of 1968 a number of families from Aylmer were interested in Prince Edward Island, and it looked very much as if Dad would once more have to give up, or postpone, his dream to move south. "Come with us to Prince Edward Island now," said a minister to Dad. "and perhaps in a few years the whole group and move to Honduras."

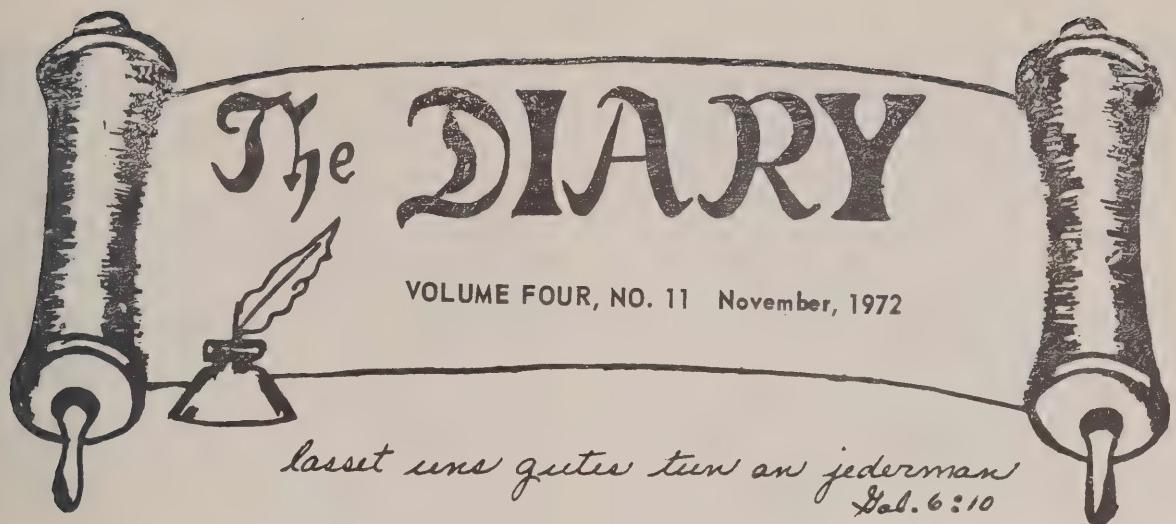
Dad's answer proved to be strangely prophetic. "But my time is running out," he said.

Then suddenly the doors to Prince Edward Island seemed to be closing, and Dad took this as a sign to go to Honduras. So in November, after having sold the farm at Aylmer and having disposed of their goods by auction, the family started south. In the group besides Dad and Mom were son Alva Stoll, wife and child; nephew Ira Stoll; and the five youngest children, still single, ranging in age from 14 to 21. At Nappanee, Indiana, Minister Richard Hochstetler and his wife Esther joined the group.

Arriving in Honduras after the long journey by land, they stayed for a few weeks at the orphanage of Dr. Youngberg at Pena Blanca, than for a short while in the capitol city of Tegucigalpa while the country was being searched for a permanent location.

An American engineer, Mr. Huppke, owned and lived on a farm near Guaimaca. He wished to retire and return to the states, so had his farm of nearly

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*Lasset uns gutes tun an jederman  
Gal. 6:10*

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### WOMAN BURNED WHEN GAS IGNITES

Mrs. Samuel J. (Maryann) Miller of Arthur, Illinois, while filling a gas lantern spilled some gas on the floor close to the refrigerator, which caused it to ignite, setting fire to her clothing. She has first, second, and third degree burns over 43% of her body. She was rushed to the Decatur Hospital, then the next morning to Springfield, where she remained in a serious condition as of December 1.

### WAYNE CO. WOMAN BREAKS LEG

Mrs. Sol (Katie) Weaver, age 56, fell off a load of corn, November 10, when the horses started off suddenly and she lost her balance. She broke her right leg, it broke like a triangle. She is in the Millersburg Hospital, had to have an operation.

### HOUSE FIRE AT KALONA, IOWA

John E. and Edna Yoder of Kalona, Iowa, had the first floor of their house pretty well burned out, the upstairs wasn't damaged, except from smoke. It happened when Edna was filling a gas lamp and some gas was spilled close to the refrigerator and it ignited. Edna was burned some about her feet, arms, and forehead. With lots of help it was cleaned up and re-finished. They are living in the house again. The kitchen cabinets had to be put in new, the gas range and refrigerator were a total loss.

### COMMUNITY NOTES — Kalona Iowa

Edna Yoder, 75, had an operation two weeks ago, and still remains in the hospital at Iowa City.

Chris Mast, 75, of Kalona is helpless and takes lots of care. It's very hard to understand him, he had a stroke some months ago.

Mrs. John (Katie) Swantz, 76, is also not recovering from her broken arm, as friends would like to see. She has many long hours.

### LANCASTER CO., PA., ACCIDENTS

David, 5-year-old son of Elmer and Lizzie (Blank) Zook of Drumore R1, Pa., received a compound fracture of his one leg, the first week of November, while running along side of a wagon while husking corn. The wagon was on the way to the barn when the accident happened. He slipped, getting his one foot through the spokes of the wheel, causing the fracture. He was taken to the hospital where he was operated on immediately, several days later he was operated on again due to infections that had set in. After a two-week stay at the hospital he was released with a cast on his leg, and is around on crutches.

John F. Fisher, 29, of Quarryville R1, Pa., who was ordained a minister this fall, had the misfortune of getting a bone broken in his foot while enroute to help his neighbor, Elmer Zooks to huck corn. Elmer's son David was in the hospital with a broken leg at the time. The neighbors planned to husk Elmer's corn on November 13, so John hitched three mules to his corn picker and started south on Route 272. When the team became unruly he stopped along the highway to switch the team around, and was in the process of doing so when they bolted and took off. While he was in the process of getting away one of the wheels passed over his leg, breaking a bone in his foot. The team ran about one half mile down the highway, then stopped after one mule fell. John proceeded on his way, and picked corn till a little after the noon hour, when the pain increased to the extent that he had to see a doctor. He was sent to the hospital for x-ray and was released with crutches. He now has a walking cast and is coming along all right.

### NEW HAVEN, IND. ACCIDENT

On October 18 John P. Schmucker fell off his hog pen roof while fixing a chimney, and broke his back, a rib punctured his lung, and he was paralyzed from the waist down. Had to have a tube in his throat to breathe and was in intensive care.



*Lasset die kindlein zu mir kommen..*

*Mark 10:14*



#### BIRTHS

##### Dover, Delaware

- MAST, David D. (Alta A. Byler) Dover R2  
a daughter CHRISTINA, November 22  
MILLER, Eli J. (Alta N. Mast) Dover R2  
a son JACOB, November 8  
STUTZMAN, Emery J. (Clara Mast) Dover R2  
a daughter SADIE, November 30  
SWARTZENTRUBER, Henry E. (Gertrude Mast)  
Hartley R1, a daughter MARY ANN, Nov. 3

##### St. Mary's County, Maryland

- FISHER, Isaac (Sarah Swarey) Mechanicsville  
a daughter GERTRUDE, November 27  
KURTZ, John (Varonica Yoder) Mechanicsville  
a daughter FRANIE, November 18

##### Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

- ALLGYER, Abner S. (Mary Beiler) 682 Hartman St. Rd.  
Lancaster, a daughter SALLY ANN, November 10  
BEILER, David K. (Elsie Flaud) Ronks R1  
a daughter SUZANNA F., November 5  
BLANK, Isaac (Ada Lapp) Kinzers R1  
a daughter SADIE, November 7  
ESCH, Elam (Anna King) Ronks R1  
a daughter MARY, November 13  
ESH, Jacob P. (Lizzie S. King) New Providence R1  
a son DAVID K., November 20  
FISHER, Aaron K. (Katie Fisher) Gordonville R1  
a son AARON K. Jr., November 14  
FISHER, Benjamin E. (Malinda Kauffman) Ronks R1  
a daughter PRISCILLA, November 20  
GLICK, Daniel Z. (Sarah Stoltzfus) Leola R1  
a daughter BENA, November 10  
GLICK, David K. (Lydia F. Esh) Quarryville R3  
a son JOHN M., November 20  
GLICK, Elmer K. (Fannie Zook) Gap R1  
a son SAMUEL, November 22  
KING, Benjamin E. (Lizzie Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3  
a son BENJAMIN S., November 22  
KING, Benuel (Sylvia Fisher) Lancaster R4  
a son ELI F., November 10  
KING, Jacob K. (Barbara Beiler) Willow Street R1  
a son JONAS B., November 23  
KING, Samuel B. (Annie L. Zook) Willow Street R1  
a daughter MARY Z., November 27  
LAPP, David S. (Lydia S. Lapp) Paradise R1  
a son DANIEL L., November 30  
LAPP, Jesse K. (Barbara L. Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1  
a son SAMUEL, November 26  
MILLER, Benjamin S. (Arie Glick) Quarryville R3  
a daughter RACHEL G., November 23  
SMOKER, Amos (Malinda Stoltzfus) Gordonville R1  
a son JACOB S., November 4  
SMOKER, Mervin (Rachel Esh) Gordonville R1  
a son SAMUEL CHRISTIAN, November 15

- SMUCKER, Henry B. (Emma Richl) New Providence R1  
a son EMANUEL R., November 28  
SMUCKER, Jacob S. Jr. (Sara S. Petersheim) New Holland  
R1, a daughter CYNTHIA FAY, November 5  
STOLTZFUS, Alvin F. (Annie Dienner) Kinzers R1  
a son CEASAR JAY, November 17  
STOLTZFUS, Amos Z. (Fannie S. Fisher) Gordonville  
R1, a son STEVIE, November 19  
STOLTZFUS, Benuel L. (Malinda Smucker) Honey Brook  
R1, a daughter HANNAH, November 16  
STOLTZFUS, Christian F. (Nancy K. Glick) Strasburg  
R1, a son ELMER, November 22  
STOLTZFUS, Isaac (Barbara Fisher) Nottingham R2  
a daughter ANNIE, November 20  
STOLTZFUS, Jacob L. (Salome Esh) Lititz R3  
a daughter ANNA E., November 7  
STOLTZFUS, Samuel M. (Barbara S. Stoltzfus) Christiana  
R1, a son DAVID S., November 18  
STOLTZFUS, S. Levi (Sadie King) Parkesburg R2  
a son LEVI, November 9  
ZOOK, Samuel F. (Emma B. Stoltzfus) Paradise R1  
a daughter MARY ANN, November 22  
ZOOK, Samuel F. (Lydia B. Stoltzfus) Christiana R1  
a daughter FANNIE S. November 26

##### Cumberland County, Pennsylvania

- FISHER, Gideon (Barbara Esch) Newburg R1  
twin daughters LYDIA and LAVINA, November 24

##### Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

- DETWEILER, Jesse (Fannie Yoder) Allensville  
a son JESSE, November 10  
PEACHEY, Josiah (Annie Peachey) Belleville  
a son DAVID, November 11  
PEIGHT, Samuel (Annie Peachey) Belleville  
a son, November 25  
YODER, Pre. Kore (Anna Swarey) Belleville  
a daughter SARAH, November 1  
YODER, Joseph (Fannie Peachey) Belleville  
a son SYLVAN, November 25

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 TROYER, Harry D. (Lydia T. Schwartz)  
 a daughter MARY, November 25

Somerset County, Pennsylvania  
 BRENNEMAN, Leroy E. (Nancy Yoder) Salisbury  
 a son JAMES OWEN, November 14  
 LEE, Enos D. (Nancy Sommers) Grantsville, Md.  
 a son MAHLON, November 14  
 YODER, Jacob M. (Annie Kinsinger) Grantsville Md.  
 a son MENNO, October 30

Indiana County, Pennsylvania  
 TROYER, Dea. Melvin (Jemima Schlabach)  
 a daughter AMANDA, October 29

Mercer County, Pennsylvania  
 WENGERD, Ervon (Emma Coblenz)  
 a daughter ELVA, in November

Conewango Valley, New York  
 HERSHBERGER, Jacob (Sadie Mast)  
 a son RAYMOND, October 25  
 HERSHBERGER, Robert and Ada  
 a son ALVIN, in October  
 MILLER, Enos (Rosie Shetler)  
 a daughter SUSAN, November 5  
 MILLER, Mose (Anna Miller)  
 a daughter NAOMI, November 5  
 YODER, Levi (Sarah Miller)  
 a daughter MATTIE, November 5  
 YODER, Menno (Amanda Byler)  
 a daughter MATTIE, October 25

Holmes County, Ohio  
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 a daughter ESTHER, December 1  
 MILLER, Aden E. (Amanda Erb) Charm, Ohio  
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 MILLER, Ben N. (Elva Yoder)  
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 MILLER, Emanuel (Mary Raber) Charm, Ohio  
 a son ALLEN, October 23  
 MILLER, Ivan S. (Elsie Yoder) Millersburg R1  
 a son JERRY, September 30  
 MILLER, Jonas M. (Katie Yoder)  
 a son WAYNE, November 5  
 MILLER, Pre. Levi R. (Sovilla L. Weaver)  
 Fredericksburg R2, a son JAMES, October 21  
 MILLER, Melvin (Katie Weaver) Sugar Creek R1  
 a daughter REBECCA, November 12  
 (Died same day.)  
 MILLER, Noah J. (Amanda Yoder)  
 a daughter ESTHER,  
 MILLER, Roy M. (Lovina B. Weaver) Holmesville R1  
 a daughter BARBARA, November 17  
 MULLETT, John J. (Martha Garber)  
 a son JOHN JR., October 18  
 RABER, Min. Albert Jr. (Sara Troyer)  
 a daughter BARBARA,

RABER, Roy (Amanda Miller) Charm, Ohio  
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 TROYER, Jonas J. (Barbara Shetler)  
 a daughter SARAETTA, November 24  
 TROYER, Junior R. (Mable Hershberger)  
 a son JAMES ALBERT, October 20  
 TROYER, Deacon Levi L. (Elsie Miller)  
 a son DAVID, November 24  
 TROYER, Monroe L. (Katie Miller)  
 a daughter SHEILA, November 7  
 TROYER, Pre. Norman J. (Karen Schlabach)  
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 WEAVER, Nelson B. (Fannie Troyer)  
 a daughter ARLENE, November 21  
 WEAVER, Wayne E. (Susie Mast) Shreve R2  
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 YODER, Albert N. (Barbara Troyer) Millersburg R4  
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 a daughter IVA, November 3  
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 YODER, Henry B. (Mary Miller)  
 a daughter ALTA, November 15  
 YODER, Henry B. (Mary Troyer) Millersburg R4  
 a daughter ALMA,  
 YODER, Roy J. (Sarah Ann Hershberger)  
 a son ATTLE, November 10

Wayne County, Ohio  
 HOCHSTETLER, Dan A. (Ruby W. Yoder)  
 a daughter LAURA ANN, October 22  
 WEAVER, Albert S. (Sarah J. Miller)  
 a son HENRY, November 12

Ashland County, Ohio  
 YODER, Levi (Fannie D. Gingerich) Ashland R1  
 a son DANNIE, November 21

Adams County, Indiana  
 CHRISTNER, Levi (Rosa Miller) Geneva R1  
 a daughter LOVINA, November 15  
 GRABER, David R. (Katie Zook) Geneva R2  
 a daughter LOVINA, in November  
 GRABER, Jonas J. (Mattie Lambright) Geneva R2  
 a daughter MARTHA, November 2  
 MILLER, Elmer L. (Laura Hilty) Berne R2  
 a son ALVIN, November 27  
 MILLER, Emanuel L. (Lydiann N. Schwartz) Monroe R1  
 a daughter MARTHA, November 8  
 SCHWARTZ, Enos D.J. (Sylvia K. Schwartz) Berne R2  
 a son ANDREW, November 1  
 SCHWARTZ, Jake B. (Mattie Wickey) Berne R1  
 a son JAKE, November 1  
 SCHWARTZ, Joni B. (Ida Bontrager) Monroe R1  
 a son DANIEL, November 21  
 SCHWARTZ, Levi K. (Rebecca Wickey) Willshire R1  
 Ohio, a son WALTER, November 6  
 WICKY, Jake (Sylvia Schwartz) Berne R1  
 a son ANDREW, October 31  
 WICKY, John S. (Elizabeth V. Schwartz) Berne R2  
 a daughter MARY, November 6

## BIRTHS, Continued

**LaGrange County, Indiana**

BONTRAGER, Dewayne (LeAnna Yoder) Shipshewana R2, a son LLOYD EUGENE, November 19

BONTRAGER, Ezra W. (Clara Miller) Wolcottville R2 a daughter FREEDA, November 14

BOWMAN, Dan (Polly Anna Miller) Shipshewana R1 a son DANIEL D., November 3

CHUPP, Melvin (Loretta Miller) Topeka a daughter MARY SUE, November 9

EASH, Melvin (Alta Miller) Topeka a son JAY DEAN, November 3

FREY, Daniel J. (LeEtta Bontrager) Millersburg R1 a son MARLIN RAY, November 14

HOCHSTEDLER, Harvey C. (Lizzie Bontrager) LaGrange R4, a daughter LEE ETTA, November 12

LAMBRIGHT, Edward Jr. (Esther Wingard) Topeka R1 a son ROMAN, November 14

LEHMAN, Lester A. (Mary R. Bontrager) Middlebury R1, a daughter RUBY, November 17

MILLER, Andrew U. (Dorothy Bontrager) a daughter REBECCA, November 10

MILLER, Ervin N. (Mary Lambright) LaGrange R4 a daughter VERNA, November 16

MILLER, Freeman S. (Edna Frey) Millersburg R1 a daughter BETTY F., November 14

MILLER, Tobias (Esther Hochstedler) Shipshewana R2, a daughter EDITH, November 16

MULLET, Ira (Mattie Schlabach) Topeka R2 twin sons MARVIN and MARION, November 16

SCHWARTZ, Samuel H. (Betty Lambright) LaGrange R1, a son SAMUEL JR., November 14

WHETSTONE, Perry (Anna Miller) Shipshewana R2 a daughter ESTHER P., November 3

**Allen County, Indiana**

GRABER, John (Josephine Graber) a son MICHAEL, November 7

GRABER, Mervin (Margaret Schwartz) a daughter MARY MAE, November 22

MILLER, Samuel (Martha Lengacher) a son SAMUEL, November 5

SCHWARTZ, Samuel (Amelia Wittmer) a son BEN, November 6

**Arthur, Illinois**

BONTRAGER, Irvin (Mary Plank) a daughter JANET, October 30

GINGERICHS, Leroy (Emma Joe Miller) a son JOSEPH, November 13

HOSTETLER, Ervin (Fannie Marie Miller) a daughter LAURA MAE, November 2

JESS, John (Viola Helmuth) a daughter LEANNA KAY, November 12

KAUFMAN, Reuben (Leah Mast) a daughter REBECCA, November 9

MAST, Lynn (Dorothy Bontrager) a son WILLIS, October 31

MILLER, Gary Dale (Verna Kay Mast) a son WILBUR EUGENE, November 22

SCHROCK, Edward J. (Mary Ellen Schrock) a son LEVI EUGENE, November 19

**Daviess County, Indiana**

GRABER, Alva (Fannie Mae Miller) a daughter DONNA SUE, October 11

KNEPP, Willis (Nora Graber) a daughter ANNA MAE, November 13

STOLL, Joe (Sarah Catherine Knepp) a daughter MARY CATHERINE, November 20

WAGLER, Amos (Susana Graber) a daughter, October 19

WAGLER, Ray (Malinda Weaver) a son, October 14

WAGLER, Wilmer (Clara Graber) a daughter, October 16

**Buchanan County, Iowa**

BONTRAGER, Eli A. (Verna Gingerich) Fairbank a son ROY, November 14

HERSHBERGER, Jonas Jr. (Emma Kauffman) Hazleton a son JOHN, November 18

LAMBRIGHT, Neal (Viola Hershberger) Hazleton a daughter LYDIANN, November 18

NISLY, Levi (Lizzianne Mast) Fairbank a son DAVID, November 7

**Johnson County, Iowa**

MAST, Fred (Mary Pearl Miller) a son MORRIS LAMAR, November 18

MILLER, Simon T. (Ruby Overholt) a daughter EMMA GRACE, November 19

**Jamesport, Missouri**

DETWEILER, Joe T. (Mattie Schrock) a daughter RUTH, November 3

MAST, Valentine A. (Dorotha Bontrager) a daughter LYDIA, November 20

MILLER, John Jr. (Elizabeth Mast) a daughter MARTHA SUE, November 16

YUTZY, Jonas W. (Emma Graber) a son MARVIN, October 28

## OBITUARIES

**GLICK, John K., 78, Gap R1, Pennsylvania**  
died at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, November 14 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Joel Zook, Kinzers R1, with whom he resided for the past seven weeks. He had been under the care of a physician. Born in Salisbury Twp., he was a son of the late Christ B. and Emma (Kurtz) Glick. In addition to his widow, Sarah S. (Fisher) Glick, he is survived by two sons and two daughters, Christian F., Gap R1; Rachel, wife of Joel Zook, Kinzers R1; David F., Goshen, Ind.; and Emma, wife of Abner Zook, Womelsdorf R1, 24 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; also a sister, Katie, wife of David S. Esh, Gordonville R1, and a brother, Christ A., Gap R1.

Funeral services were held by John O. Stoltzfus, and Jacob K. Zook; hymns were read by Christ Lapp and David E. Stoltzfus; burial was in Buena Vista Cemetery.

**BORNTRAGER, Daniel P.**, 69, Shipshewana R2, Ind. died Monday, November 13, at 11:45 a.m. in the Sturgis Hospital where he had been a patient three weeks. He was born in Haven, Kansas, November 27, 1902, and was married in Shipshewana November 22, 1928, to Fannie Schrock, who survives. Also surviving are seven sisters, Mrs. Jacob Yoder of Shipshewana, Mrs. Peter Schwartz of Middlebury, Mrs. William Schrock of Medford, Wis., Mrs. Tobe Schrock of Hutchinson, Kan., Mrs. Davis Hochstetler and Mrs. Levi Yoder, both of Anabel, Mo., and Mrs. Jacob Plank of Fairbanks, Iowa, and four brothers, Ben of Medford, Wis., and Samuel, Jonas and Amos, all of Hutchinson, Kansas.

Funeral services were held by Bishop John Troyer; burial was in Naylor Cemetery near Shipshewana.

#### **GIROD, Infant, Berne R2, Indiana**

son of Emanuel and Leah (Graber) Girod, was born November 18, lived only a few minutes, and died in the home of the parents at 1 a.m., Saturday. The parents and the following brothers and sisters, all at home, survive: Amos, Samuel, Emanuel, Ernest, Simon, Enos, Leah, Emma, Lovina, Elizabeth, and Martha.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Bunker Hill Cemetery by Joseph Eicher.

#### **HOSTETLER, Naomi, 53, of Path Valley, Pa.**

wife of Min. Crist Hostetler died Monday night, November 20. She had a stroke Fri. eve the 17th and was taken to the hospital where she died. Surviving are her husband; one son, John Hostetler, Dry Run, Pa.; two daughters, Mrs. Reuben (Sarah) Hertzler and Mrs. Elmer (Fannie) Hertzler of Willow Hill (all of Path Valley, Pa.); five sisters, Mrs. John (Susie) Esh, Mrs. Jonas (Mary) Yoder, and Mrs. Isaac (Lavina) Stoltzfus of Adams Co., Pa., Barbara, widow of John King, and Mrs. Levi (Sarah) Stoltzfus of Lancaster Co., Pa.; two brothers, Isaac Fisher of Mechanicsville, Md.; and Stephen Fisher of Adams Co., Pa.; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services were held by Benuel Esh of Adams Co., and Daniel Stoltzfus of Churchtown; hymn by Samuel S. Stoltzfus; graveyard services by Bennie Beiler of Lancaster Co., and Bishop Samuel J. Stoltzfus; burial in Path Valley Amish Cemetery, which was started on the Hostetler farm.

#### **KING, Infant, Christiana, Pa.**

The infant son of Amos B. and Katie (Esh) King, Christiana R1, Pa., died at his home Thursday morning, November 2. In addition to his parents, he is survived by a sister, Sarah, at home; the maternal grandparents, Ephraim and Sarah Esh, Leola; the maternal great-grandfather, Aaron Esh, Leola; the paternal grandparents, Isaac B. and Savilla King, Christiana R1, and the paternal great-grandfathers, Isaac S. King, Leola, and Christian S. Beiler, of Gordonville R1.

#### **LEHMAN, Fannie A., 87, Middlebury R1, Ind.**

died Friday, November 3, at her home. She was born in LaGrange County, November 27, 1884, and was married in LaGrange County, April 8, 1908, to Jonathan Lehman, who preceded her in death. Surviving are two sons, Mahlon J. of LaGrange and Amos J. of Shipshewana; two daughters, Barbara at home and Mrs. Abe (Sarah) Bontrager of Middlebury; 35 grandchildren; 60 great-grandchildren, and a brother, David Troyer of Arthur, Illinois.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Ervin R. Bontrager and Bishop Dan A. Miller; burial was in the Yoder Cemetery in Shipshewana.

#### **LENGACHER, Joe, 64, Montgomery R1, Indiana**

died at 9:30 a.m. Friday, November 17, at his home. Born December 9, 1907 in Daviess County, he was a son of the late Simon and Katie Lengacher. On January 29, 1931 he married Barbara Stoll who survives. Also surviving are six sons, Leroy, Glenn and Harold all of Montgomery R1; Joe Jr. and Edwin of Odon R1, and Ray of Phoenix, Arizona; two daus. Mrs. Lester (Sylvia) Marner and Mrs. John (Betty Jean) Marner of Montgomery R1; three brothers, Menno, Henry and Simon all of Loogootee R2; six sisters, Mary and Katie Wagler, and Martha Gingerich of R1, Montgomery, Fannie Wagler and Marie Knepp of Loogootee, and Maggie Swartzentruber of Odon; and 30 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Joe L. Graber and Homer Stoll in the house, and by Bishop Ben E. Wagler and Alva Raber in the shop. Burial was in Stoll Cemetery, services by Harry J. Wagler; hymn "Gute Nacht" was read by Dea. Ben Wagler.

#### **MILLER, Lydia, 45, of LaGrange R1, Indiana**

died Monday, November 13, at 8:30 a.m. in the Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne where she had been a patient two weeks and had been in failing health for a year. She was born in LaGrange County November 20, 1926; a daughter of Emmery and Mary S. (Chupp) Miller. Surviving are her mother, with whom she resided; four brothers, Ora of LaGrange, Sam of Wolcottville, Amos of Shipshewana, and Levi of Holly, Mich.; four sisters, Mrs. Robert (Barbara) Young of Wolcottville, Mrs. Perry (Lizzie Ann) Raber and Mrs. Raymond (Edna) Yoder, both of Topeka, and Mrs. Freeman (Ida) Schmucker of Goshen, and her paternal grandmother, Mrs. Rebecca Miller.

Funeral services were held at the Perry L. Miller residence by Bishop Dan M. Hostetler; burial was in the Miller Cemetery.

#### **MILLER, Naomi, 4 days, Conewango Valley, N.Y.**

daughter of Mose and Anna Miller died November 9 in the Buffalo Children's Hospital. Surviving besides the parents are grandparents, Pre. Levi D. Millers and Pre. Menno E. Millers. Short services were held in the home November 10; burial was in the new cemetery beside her great-grandfather.

## OBITUARIES, Continued

**SCHWARTZ, Adam L., 73, Berne R1, Indiana**  
 died at 9:30 p.m. Sunday, November 12, at the Adams County Memorial Hospital. He suffered a severe heart attack last Tuesday and had been hospitalized since. He spent the last few winters in Florida. He was born in Monroe Twp., September 26, 1899, a son of Joseph A. and Lydia (Burkholder) Schwartz. He was married January 4, 1923 to Mary Borntreger, at Haven, Kansas. His wife preceded in death in 1968, and a son, Alvin, was killed by lightning in 1970. Surviving are five sons, Dan O., Levi O., and Harvey O. of Berne R1, Martin O. and Jerome O. of Nappanee; four daughters, Mrs. Jake K. (Lydiann) Hiltz and Mrs. Christ K. (Clara) Hiltz, Berne R1, Mrs. Ervin (Edna) Hochstetler, Nappanee R1, and Mrs. Polly Young, Fort Wayne; 45 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; seven brothers, John L. of Nappanee, Joe L., Dan L., Noah L., Sam L., David L., and Menno L., and a sister, Mrs. Chris (Lydia) Hiltz.

Funeral services were held at 9 a.m. Wednesday at the Schwartz home; burial in Schwartz Cemetery.

**SCHWARTZ, Daniel, 1 day, Monroe R1, Indiana**  
 infant son of Joni B. and Ida (Bontrager) Schwartz was born at the Adams County Memorial Hospital on November 21. He weighed 13 oz. and was 9 inches long; died at the hospital on November 22, living 33½ hours. The parents survive; also the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan L. Schwartz, and Mr. and Mrs. Bontrager of LaGrange, Indiana.

Graveside services were held at the Schwartz Cemetery at 2:00 p.m. Thursday by Levi H. Schwartz.

**SCHWARTZ, Martin Lee, 2 years, of New Haven, Ind.**  
 son of Martin and Martha (Graber) Schwartz died Wednesday, November 29, at 9:15 p.m. in Parkview Hospital. Had Meningitis, was only sick one day, but very sick. Burial was at the Amish Cemetery at Grabill, Indiana.

**STOLTZFUS, Jacob K., 86, Bird-in-Hand R1, Pa.**  
 died Saturday, November 25, at 7:15 p.m. in Duke Convalescent Home where he had been a guest since November 4. Born in Lancaster County, he was a son of the late Amos and Katie (King) Stoltzfus. After his retirement from farming, he became well known for making quilts, which he sold in his home. He lived with Ephraim and Sylvia (Stoltzfus) King. His wife, Fannie D. (Ebersole) Stoltzfus, died in Oct. 1970. He is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Katie Beiler of Supplee; and Rebecca, wife of Joel Stoltzfus of Honey Brook R1.

Funeral services were held by Isaac Dienner and Aaron Y. Beiler; hymn read by Jacob B. Lapp; burial was in Beiler's Cemetery.

**TROYER, Andy A., 64, of Holmes Co., Ohio**

died Saturday, October 6, from a heart attack, as he was walking towards the table. Surviving are his wife, Ida (Kemp), and seven sons and one daughter, one son, Glen, is at home yet.

Funeral services were held Oct. 10, by Bishop Joe Yoder and John J. Miller in one house, and by Roy Wengerd and Andy M. Yoder in the other house.

**TROYER, David D., 75, of Sugar Creek, Ohio**

died November 8 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Orris C. Troyer, near Barrs Mills. He was a son of David C. and Lydia (Speicher) Troyer and was married to Katie Ann Sommers who died 12 years ago. His age was 75 yr., 2 mo., 7 days. Six sons and 4 daughters survive, Noah of Winesburg, Susan, wife of Orris C. Troyer, at whose home he died, Lucinda, wife of Eli N. Yoder of Wooster, Frank, no location, Amanda, wife of Emanuel A. Schlabach of Millersburg, Vernon of Dover, Ohio, Alta, wife of Mose J. Schlabach of Conneautville, Pa., David of Sugar Creek, Raymond of Beach City, and Manass of Louisville, Ohio; also one brother, Bishop Abe D. Troyer of Ashland, Ohio; and one sister, Susan, wife of Deacon Andy S. Miller of Burton, Ohio. Burial was in the Steve Keim Cemetery near Mt. Eaton beside his wife.

**WICKEY, Mary E. J., 1 day, Geneva R2, Indiana**

infant daughter of John S. and Elizabeth V. (Schwartz) Wickey, was born Monday, November 7, at the Van Wert, Ohio Hospital; died 12 hours after birth at 8 p.m., Nov. 7. Surviving are the parents, a sister, Fannie, at home; grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. David W. Schwartz, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam D. Wickey.

Graveside services were held at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Bunker Hill Cemetery by Joseph Eicher.

**YODER, Amanda, 81 of Springs, Penna.**

died November 20 at 2 a.m. of complications, at the home of her son, the Joel A. Yoders. She was the widow of Amos J. Yoder. She was born in the Meyersdale area to John and Catherine Kinsinger on August 31, 1891. Her age was 81 yr., 2 mo., 20 da. She is survived by the following children, Lizzie, at home; Sadie, wife of Samuel H. Bender, Berkeley Springs, W. Va.; Dora, wife of Samuel Peachey, of Springs, Pa.; Joseph A. Yoder, Meyersdale, Pa., and Joel, at home.

Funeral services were held on Thanksgiving Day at the Niverton church house, by Ray S. Kinsinger and Noah B. Fisher; burial in the church cemetery. Strangers were from Guthrie, Ky., Oakland, Md., and Stuarts Draft, Virginia.

**YODER, Amanda J., 71, of Baltic R1, Ohio**

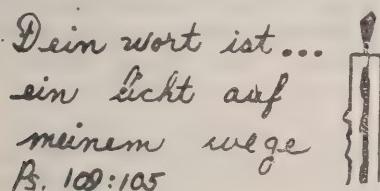
died early Monday morning, November 27, at the home of a brother, Joe J. Yoder. She was a daughter of the late Jones S. and Anna (Swartzentruber) Yoder. Surviving are four brothers, Dan and Joe of Baltic R1, Sam of Sugarcreek R1, and Levi of Millersburg R5; 3 sisters, Mrs. Eli L. (Lovina) Stutzman, Fredericksburg Rt., Mrs. Neal J. (Mattie) Yoder of Dundee Rt.,

and Mrs. Ben H. (Anna) Miller of Dalton R2. A sister and four brothers are deceased.

Funeral services were held at the Dan J. Yoder residence by Bishop Eli E. Hershberger and Min. Noah Stutzman.

**YODER, Sylvia**, 78, of Middlebury R1, Indiana died Sunday Evening, October 8, at her home. She was born in LaGrange County, where she was a life resident, February 16, 1894. She was married March 7, 1916, to Samuel C. Yoder, who preceded her in death December 12, 1969. Surviving are four sons, David and Owen of Middlebury, Harley of Ashland, Ohio, and Elmer of Clark, Mo.; three daughters, Mrs. Harry (Laura) Miller of Sugar Creek, O., Mrs. Menno (Edna) Miller of Fortuna, Mo., and Alice at home; 67 grandchildren; 34 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Owen Hostetler of Topeka and Mahlon Hostetler of Shipsheiana; and three sisters, Mrs. David Bontrager of Shipsheiana, Mrs. David Weaver of LaGrange, and Nina Hostetler of Topeka.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Henry Miller. Burial was in the Yoder Cemetery.



#### ORDINATIONS

##### Conewango Valley, New York

Enos E. Miller was ordained deacon in Noah Detweiler District, October 8. He is the son of the late Bishop Eli J. Miller.

Enos J. Miller was ordained deacon, October 13. He is the son of Deacon John E. Millers of Wayne County, Ohio.

##### New Haven, Indiana

Henry Zehr, 27, was ordained minister in Amos Schmucker's west district. He is the son of Menno and Leah (Graber) Zehr. His wife Kathryn is a dau. of John R. and Katie (Graber) Schmucker. With him in the lot was his brother John.

##### Daviess County, Indiana

Noah B. Wagler, 29, was ordained minister in the Middle South District, October 21. He is the son of Bishop Ben E. Wagler. With him in the lot were six others, Melvin Knepp, Leroy Knepp, Joe Raber, Jerome Raber, Herbert Raber, and John Lambright.

William A. Gruber, 26, was ordained minister in the Southwest District, October 29. He is the son of Min. Amos Gruber. With him in the lot were 5 others, Herman Gruber, Harold Wittmer, David V. Wagler, Arthur Wagler, and Raymond Knepp.

##### Buchanan County, Iowa

Eli Raber, 29, was ordained minister in the North East District, November 5, out of a lot of six.



Freuet euch des Herrn.. Ps. 33:1

#### BAPTISMS

##### Holmes County, Ohio

**CORRECTION** — Walnut Creek North District, should read, Fannie, daughter of Isaac Weaver, instead of Isaac Hostetler.

##### Lancaster County, Pa.

###### Intercourse District

November 12, by Jonas S. Lapp

Daniel, son of Levi and Mary (Beiler) Esh

##### Allen County, Indiana

September 17

Paul Eicher, and Tobias Schmucker

October 29

Freeman Kauffman

##### Daviess County, Indiana

###### Northeast District

October 1, by Joe L. Gruber

Eugene, son of Ralph Marners

Samuel, son of Noah E. Wagler

Ruth, daughter of Min. Pete Eichers

Anna, daughter of Abraham Knepps

###### Northwest District

October 15, by Bishop Levi Gruber

Amos, son of Ben Wittmers

Melvin, son of Ezra Yoders

Lorene, daughter of Amos Knepps

#### COMMUNITY NOTE — Conewango Valley, New York

Amanda, 12, daughter of Eli E. Millers, had an operation on her hip, October 3, when they put in four pins to pull the hip back together. The doctors say the cause was rapid growth. She had a hospital of 3 or 4 days, and goes on crutches.

#### CONEWANGO VALLEY ACCIDENTS

Eli Wengert and two boys had quite a thrill when going home from work one evening, as a car hit them from the rear, smashing the buggy beyond repair. Eli and Levi landed on the road, and Jacob in a field, no one was hurt much.

John S. Hershberger got his hand injured when a cow kicked his hand, breaking a bone.

Christ E. Miller, while riding a horse, had his foot injured when the horse fell and landed on Christ's foot. Xrays showed a chip off. He goes on crutches, but is able to work. He is a son of Eli J. Millers of Wayne County, Ohio, and works for Sam D. Miller.

## 1972 November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
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26	27	28	29	30		

### CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

#### St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

We had 5½ inches of rain, scattered throughout the month, with enough snow to cover the ground in spots on Nov. 22, lowest temperature, right around 20. Farmers are shredding corn fodder when weather permits and fodder is dry. Of course, this week being deer season, keeps some occupied between chores. Quite a few have been killed in this area. Another pastime was "rishting" for and attending weddings, there having been five in this community. Nov. 30 it rained a cold rain all day, the wedding was at Sam Y. Beilers. The big bus from Juniata County slid into the ditch while coming out the lane. It was midnight when they finally got going again.

#### Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

Total rainfall for November at Bareville was 9 in. According to Lancaster Intell., Nov. 1960 was the wettest November on record for Lancaster County, with 7.43 in., 1972 had 7.40 for the county, and about 5 inches snow on November 30.

**Market Report:** Choice Fat Cattle, \$35 to \$38 Cwt.; Stockers and Feeders, \$30 to \$50 Cwt.; Veal, \$40 to \$60 Cwt.; Fat Hogs, \$29 to \$31 Cwt.; 40 lb. Shoats, \$.64 lb.; At New Holland a load of Penna. Cows sold \$610 to \$1250; Large Eggs, .42, Med., .40 doz.; Potatoes, 4.00 to 5.00 Cwt.; Hay, \$35 to \$91 a Ton; Straw, \$34 to \$38 Ton; Ear Corn, \$43 Ton, 1.60 Bu.; Wheat, 1.85 Bu.; Barley, 1.20 Bu.; Oats, 1.05 Bu.; Milk, 7.40 Cwt.; Fowl Prices, Hens, light, 8¢ lb., heavy, \$.22 lb.

by Elam S. Beiler

Farmers are hauling manure and some were plowing between attending, and getting ready for, weddings. Still some corn picked earlier this month. Making a lot of corn fodder, but not much in barns yet, as was only a few days this month that it was fit to shred or bale. Tobacco stripping has started, which is very light in weight. Fall grains had a good chance in November to get ready for winter.

by Ammon F. Fisher

November had lots of wet weather, total of 8.7 in. rain. First day and last day it rained. Nov. 14th had heavy rains, 3.1 in., creek overflowed. Thanksgiving Day temperature was 18 degrees, coldest for the month. Nov. 30th it snowed a few inches, turning to rain, with nearly freezing temperature. Most of the wedding days had wonderful weather.

#### Dover, Delaware, by Neil Hershberger

Weather continues wet, enough so that farmers are not able to shred corn, except a day now and then. Total rainfall for November was 8.5 inches. Temp. was moderate, and lowest for the month was 22 degrees on the 23rd.

#### Adams County, Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

November was a cool and wet month with 6.96 in. of rain. Highest temperature was 65 degrees on the afternoon of Nov. 3, and the low of 19 on Thanksgiving morning. Nov. 30 the ground was covered with about 2 inches of snow. It was enough to give the children a taste of snow balling and sled riding. It made highways slippery, and driving was dangerous. Many of the folks of our group were busy attending weddings in Lancaster Co., and St. Mary's Co., Md., etc., during November. Deer season opened Nov. 27. Men have been trying their luck, but didn't hear of any getting one.

#### Path Valley, Pa., by Daniel Z. Beiler

Weather in November was on the mild and wet side, no frost in ground yet, although a few cold spells with heavy frost. Rain the 2nd, heavy rain the 7th and 13th, about 3 in. before the 15th. We had about 6 inches snow the 39th. Some plowing done this month, corn is about all picked.

#### Lebanon County, Pa., by Levi S. King

The first half of November was mild, the ground was not frozen deep at any time. Late sown grains have greened up yet. Corn is all husked, except a few scattered fields. Early planted corn was extra good this year, late planted not so good. A lot of farmers who have combines to harvest them, are starting to raise soybeans, and different methods are used to cook or process them after which they are used in livestock feeds to replace soybean meal. Yields vary greatly from as low as 12 bu. to as high as 50 bu. per acre, and prices range from \$3.20 to 3.60 per bushel. Rainfall for the month was 8 inches, plus some snow on the 30th.

#### Indiana County, Pa., by John W. Miller

The weather has been quite changeable during November. We had about 4½ inches rainfall, and 5 inches of measureable snow. Reporters estimate about a 55% corn crop, due to heavy rains and a late spring frost. Let's be thankful for what we have.

#### Mercer County, Pa., by Dan Troyer

November was damp and cloudy, with very little sunshine, about 2 inches of rain and a little snow the 14th and again the last four days. Temperature mostly between 30 and 40 degrees. Oats did not yield as good this year but was a good quality. Corn was better than expected but due to the damp weather did not dry out well and does not keep well.

#### Crawford County, Pa., by Menno E. Fisher

A lot of damp and cloudy weather. We had snow quite often last two weeks, but just a little at a time, and didn't stay long.

### Franklin County, Pa., by Jacob E. Flaud

Rainfall for November was above average. Creeks were overflowing, this will help to bring the water level up after the dry summer. Had a cold spell at the end of the month, with about 6 inches of snow falling on the 30th. Very little fall plowing done. Corn is all husked. Farmers are busy cleaning out stables, and getting ready for winter.

### Juniata County, Pa., by David Y. Renno

Weather was very nice and mild the first week, to very rough the last day, when 5 inches of snow fell, and lasted 2 days. A total of 6 inches of rain fell, also many cloudy and cool days, temperature to the low 20s. Deer season started the 27th with nice weather and more deer were taken the first day than usual. No Ohio Amish hunters were here this year. In bygone years, when our boys were home yet, we got from one to three deer in our home in a season. Now we don't get any, as "my get up and go has got up and gone," and I won't tramp the woods after them and can no longer hunt without license. I am not paying \$25 for hunting price tags. So I bought a 230 lb. side of good Hereford beef for 64¢ per lb. Even at 2.00 a pound it would be cheaper than deer meat, and also much better eating.

### Snyder County, Pa., by Sam R. Troyer

Had around 5 inches of rain this month. Winter springs are running, little streams of clear water running down most every hollow. Quite a few deer have been gotten so far, 7 or 8 for the Amish. Crops are about all harvested except some grain sorghum. The coldest this month was 14 degrees on the 23rd, very little snow so far.

### Somerset County, Pa., by Mary A. Kinsinger

Weather for November was quite damp and cloudy with only a very few nice and sunny days. Winter weather set in the week of Thanksgiving and has been cold since. Corn isn't all hucked yet because of the damp weather. Deer season opened Monday, Nov. 27. Two men and two boys from Ohio were here for the occasion. Jonas Yoder was the happy and lucky hunter to go back home again. Hogs seem to be quite high priced, going from \$30 to 32.50 Cwt. for heavy market hogs.

### Guthrie, Kentucky, by Jesse D. Peachey

We are experiencing a very wet fall. More cloudy days than sunny ones during November, with 6 to 8 inches rainfall. Had a few snow flurries the 30th, but didn't have the ground covered yet. Temperature hovers between 35 and 45 degrees, with a low of 20 degrees the 24th. Farmers are still trying to combine beans whenever possible. Wheat didn't get sowed some places and some that was sowed doesn't come up, as it's too cool and cloudy. Some are sowing by airplane now yet, then disc it in. You see some awful tracks in fields some places, as October had been wet, too.

### Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine Swarey

November had many cloudy days, over 5 inches of rainfall, 5 days with snowfall, enough to make the ground white, 11 nice warm sunny days, lowest temperature, 20 degrees. Pastures and lawns are still green. Men are plowing between showers. The last day of November was very snowy, big round flakes coming fast, 5 to 6 inches, covering mother earth with a white blanket as December came in.

### Holmes County, Ohio, by Mrs. Perry A. Stutzman

The first four days in November we had 3½ in. rain, and plenty off and on since. This morning it is colder and snowing, 18 degrees was lowest so far this fall. Still some corn to husk by hand, not fit to husk by machine yet.

by Raymond M. Troyer

It is very wet, with a few days of snow flurries, but no accumulation to date, temperature was down to 22 degrees one morning, average was 26 to 40. Lots of corn to husk yet, fields are too soft, and corn is not drying like other years. Had 2 inches snow November 28.

### Sugar Creek, by Jonas N. Bontrager

Corn is a good crop, only we did not have the drying weather like we usually have. Most of the hand-picked corn in in the crib, fields are mostly too soft for mechanical pickers. On account of the steady rains we had, the Sugar Creek was out over the banks three times in November, which made lots of fall pasture. Rained again most of today, Nov. 26. The temperature was mostly around 30 degrees for the month. November was really wet, with lots of rain and snow, but the snow did not last long.

Southeastern Holmes Co., by John L. Yoder

November followed about same as the other months, plenty of moisture, not too many sunny days, a few inches of snow on the ground at present. Hand picking corn about finished, not too many shocks husked yet with husker. Deer season is past in this county. Some lucky hunters are enjoying venison.

Southwestern Holmes Co., by Eli A. Yoder

November started with heavy rains the first and second weeks, and light rain and snow all month, with just a few sunny days. There are still some corn stalks to husk, and very few corn shocks have been shredded yet, and it wasn't nearly fit yet either.

Western Holmes Co., by Monroe A. Weaver

This was a different season, wet clear through. First cutting hay was put up in May, June, July, and August, some third cutting after the middle of Oct. Crops were all good, except in excessively wet spots, but a problem to get them gathered. No ground work in November, quite a few didn't get their wheat sowed. Over 2000 acres was sown by plane, let mother nature cover it. An Amish neighbor sowed his with a clover seeder. Most of the corn is husked, tractor farmers haven't picked much yet. Average morning temperature was 35, low of 20, and a high of 58. It rained every week, most at one time was 2 inches. Feed prices at a farm sale recently, new ear corn, \$47, straw, \$47, and hay up to \$70 a ton.

## CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS, Continued

### Conewango Valley, N.Y., by Mrs. Menno E. Miller

October had a lot of moisture, which made it difficult to get into the fields to harvest corn. Albert Hershbergers had auction Nov. 10, intending to later move to Fryburg, Pa., where a new settlement is being founded. There will be quite a few more going from here.

### Ashland, Ohio, by Mary Brenneman

November was wet and cool, with very few days of sunshine, but no real cold weather yet so far, coldest was 20 degrees. There is still lots of corn to be husked due to the wet weather, farmers with pickers have a hard time getting in at all. Not much plowing is being done yet either.

### Adams County, Indiana, by Mary Ann Hiltz

November was a cold and dreary month, the weather was anything but pleasant. Although no new bad records were set for the month, almost all of the statistics were near records and all put together, made the past month one of the most miserable Novembers on record. Nearly six weeks of wet weather and muddy fields have delayed the harvest of corn and soybeans. Half of the beans and 65% of the corn are still in fields. The state farmers are nearly three weeks behind on corn harvesting, and the combining of beans lags behind by almost a month. The fall rains on Indiana cropland has cost Hoosier farmers an estimate of \$200 million. Figures for the month are; high, 67 on the 2nd; low, 23 on the 29th; snowfall, 6.7 inches; rain, 4.75 inches. There were 3 clear days, 8 partly cloudy, 19 cold days, and 11 rainy days.

### New Haven, Indiana, by John Schmucker

November was mostly damp, dreary, and chilly, with only about 5 or 6 days of sunshine. Still corn and beans in the fields due to wet weather we had. Some corn is also spoiling which is in cribs.

### LaGrange County, Indiana, by Anna Eash

Rainy and cloudy describes the November weather except a few clearer days. Corn is of wet quality and also some mold. Fields are wet. Temperature ranged from the 20s to the 60s. Thanksgiving Day was somewhat cloudy but also some sunshine.

### Daviess County, Indiana, by Lester Marner

Frost October 19. Very wet during November. A lot of grain to be harvested yet. Very little sunshine in November. Only one morning in November that the ground was frozen.

### Arthur, Illinois, by Menno A. Diener

We had very little sunshine, mostly damp and cool weather, several mornings temperature as low as 24, about 3 in. rain in first half. Not much corn gathered this month, but is a good quality crop. Quite a few beans out yet, crop good. The remaining to harvest will probably have some weather damage.

### Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder

The month of November was very wet, cloudy, not much sun till the last few days, had 4 inches of snow the 13th, also some the 25th. Fields are very soft. Hard to get corn out of the fields. Mechanical pickers are waiting for a hard freeze to finish. Some beans and corn to pick yet.

### Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager

The weather in this area is, or has been, pretty much like it was over most of the states, much cloudy and wet weather, for the last month or so. This delayed corn picking and bean harvesting. At this date, Nov. 25, there is some corn out now, but most of the beans out yet. The yields are good. Farmers were lucky to get their silos filled in good shape.

### Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder

The first part of November was mostly cloudy, had between 5 and 6 inches rain by middle of month, which left corn husking at a standstill, till this last week we are having nice sunny days, and farmers are again husking corn. Corn is a good crop this year, not much damage from blight or wet weather that I heard of. Deer seem to be plentiful, about 20 were taken in this community this season by Amish hunters.

### Reno Co., Kansas (Partridge area) by Edward Mast

A few nice days ended a wet and cloudy November, which gave the milo cutters a chance. A large percentage of the milo is still in the fields, or was cut the last few days. Late planted milo is a good crop but hard to get. Early planted wheat is ready for pasture but the ground is too wet. Many cattlemen depend on wheat pasture during the winter. Had a few light snows, enough to make a snowman, which scared the horse of Barbara Headings and overturned her buggy, Sunday morning. There were no serious injuries.

## MARRIAGES

### St. Mary's County, Maryland

Hertzler, Stoltzfus — Enos, son of Isaac and Rebecca Hertzler, and Fannie, daughter of Bishop Sam J. and Emma Stoltzfus, November 9, by Elam Kauffman of Honey Brook, Pennsylvania.

Stoltzfus, Zook — Samuel, son of Benuel and Fannie Stoltzfus, and Salina, daughter of Daniel and Sarah Zook, November 14, by Sam J. Stoltzfus.

Swarey, Stoltzfus — Jacob, son of Pre. John and Savilla Swarey, Path Valley, Pa., and Susie, daughter of Dea. Sam S. and Lydia Stoltzfus, November 16, by Bishop John Yoder of Dover, Delaware.

Yoder, Swarey — Jacob, son of Levi and Lizzie Yoder, and Gertie, daughter of Thomas and Rachel Swarey, November 21, by Tobias Petersheim, Juniata.

Wengerd, Beiler — John, son of Menno Wengerds, Juniata Co., Pa., and Fannie, daughter of Sam Y. Beilers, November 30, by Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

### Juniata County, Pennsylvania

Renno, Peachey - Samuel, son of Christ and Leah (Peachey) Renno, and Hettie, daughter of Jesse D. and Annie (Peachey) Peachey, by Bishop Joshua Renno, October 24.

Renno, Yoder - Gideon, son of David Y. and Lydia (Stoltzfus) Renno, and Salina, daughter of Pre. Leroy and Amelia (Peachey) Yoder.

Troyer, Yoder - Emanuel, son of Abe M. and Mary (Miller) Troyer, and Fannie, daughter of Pre. Leroy and Amelia (Peachey) Yoder, by Bishop Emanuel K. Peachey, November 2.

### Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

Stoltzfus, Fisher - Daniel R., son of Eli L. and Katie L. Stoltzfus, and Hannah S., daughter of Amos S. and Lydia (Stoltzfus) Fisher.

Kauffman, Fisher - Emanuel S., son of Sam and Eva (Stoltzfus) Kauffman, and Katie S., daughter of Amos S. and Lydia (Stoltzfus) Fisher, at a double wedding, November 7.

### Mifflin County, Pennsylvania

Petersheim, Peachey - Harvey, son of Bishop Tobias Petersheim, and Fannie, daughter of Benjamin and Gertrude (Kanagy) Peachey, November 9, by Bishop Tobias Petersheim.

Peachey, Peachey - Daniel, son of Rufus D. and the late Elizabeth Peachey, and Olive, daughter of Pre. Samuel T. and Salina (Peachey) Peachey, Nov. 21, by Bishop Emanuel K. Peachey.

Peachey, Peachey - Uriel, son of Aaron and Barbara (Peachey) Peachey, and Nancy, daughter of Ezra Y. and Malinda (Renno) Peachey, November 23, by Bishop Joshua Renno.

### Indiana County, Pennsylvania

Miller, Weaver - Dave, son of John D. and Barbara (Troyer) Miller, and Clara, daughter of Andy E. and Ella (Swartzentruber) Weaver, November 9, by Bishop Andy J. Weaver from Holmes County, Ohio.

Byler, Miller - Chester, son of Joe and Verna (Miller) Byler, and Martha, daughter of Dan and Je-mima (Miller) Miller, November 16.

### Conewango Valley, New York

Miller, Miller - Abe, son of Abner P. and Emma (Gingerich) Miller, and Annie, daughter of John S. and Edna (Mast) Miller, October 26.

### Wayne County, Ohio

Chupp, Troyer - Lester, son of Wm. and Emma (Miller) Chupp, and Esther, daughter of Eli R. and Amanda (Hershberger) Troyer, October 19.

Troyer, Weaver - Milt, son of Eli R. and Amanda (Hershberger) Troyer, and Fannie, daughter of Emanuel and Verna (Swartzentruber) Weaver, October 25.

Kiem, Miller - Leroy, son of Jacob J. and Fannie (Miller) Kiem, and Linda, daughter of Monroe J.C. and Ella (Miller) Miller, October 26.

Kiem, Troyer - Marvin, son of Alvin J. and Mary (Miller) Kiem, and Iva, daughter of Widow Mrs. Mose M. Troyer, November

### LaGrange County, Indiana

Miller, Miller - Henry L. Miller of Nappanee, and Betty, daughter of Pete and Lizzie Miller, Oct. 12.

Lehman, Bontrager - Freeman, son of Bishop Ervin M. and Lydia (Hochstedler) Lehman, and Frieda, daughter of Levi N. and Alice Bontrager, Oct. 19.

Miller, Hochstedler - Leroy, son of Harold and Elizabeth (Beachy) Miller, and Irene, daughter of Amos and Edna (Weaver) Hochstedler, October 19.

Yoder, Lambright - William, son of Joseph W. and Ella (Bontrager) Yoder, and Fannie Marie, dau. of Daniel and Wilma (Bontrager) Lambright, Oct. 19.

Lambright, Miller - Ernest, son of Vernon and Anna (Graber) Lambright, and Lorene Sue, daughter of Sam E. and Goldie (Miller) Miller, October 19.

Lehman, Miller - Ernest, son of Mahlon and Anna (Mast) Lehman, and Ellen, daughter of Rudy and Esther (Schlabach) Miller, October 26.

Miller, Bontrager - Ora A., son of the late Albert and Edna Miller of Haven, Kansas, and Wilma, daughter of Amos U. and Fannie Bontrager, November 16.

Yoder, Troyer - Edward I. Yoder of Garnett, Kansas, and Carolyn, daughter of David and Anna (Yoder) Troyer, in November.

Yoder, Miller - Widower Leo F. Yoder and Susie, daughter of the late Noah and Susie (Wierich) Miller, November 14, by Bishop Henry N. Miller.

Yoder, Bontrager - Harvey Yoder of Kansas and Edna Mae, daughter of Harley E. and Mary Ellen (Slabach) Bontrager, in November.

Miller, Miller - David, son of O. Vernon and Ada (Eash) Miller, Shipshewana, and Anna, daughter of Noah and Ada Miller, Orrville, Ohio, November 23, at Orville, by Bishop Pete Miller of Shipshewana, Ind.

Mullet, Eash - Joseph R. Mullet, Hicksville R3, Ohio, and Katie Ann, daughter of Henry and Abbie (Miller) Eash.

Miller, Bontrager - Elvie, son of Harold and Elizabeth (Beachy) Miller, and Susie, daughter of Ora and Alma (Miller) Bontrager, in November.

Mishler, Lehman - Freeman, son of the late Harry and Mattie (Lambright) Mishler, and Edna Ellen, daughter of Bishop Ervin and Lydia (Hochstedler) Lehman, in November.

Bontrager, Yoder - Dewayne, son of Perry and Ida (Wingard) Bontrager, and LeAnna, daughter of Ira and Ella (Schrock) Yoder, in November.

Schlabaach, Stutzman - Samuel E., son of Ervin S. and Fannie (Troyer) Schlabaach, and Ruby, daughter of Henry and Lydia (Bontrager) Stutzman, in Nov.

Miller, Miller - Raymond, son of Pete and Lizzie Miller, and Carol Sue, daughter of Ezra E. and Edna (Troyer) Miller, in November

Schrock, Lambright - Abraham, son of Alvin and Polly (Bontrager) Schrock, and Miriam, daughter of Harvey and Rosa (Miller) Lambright, in November.

### Adams County, Pennsylvania

Beiler, Yoder - Amos, son of Jonathan Beilers, and Lavina, daughter of Jonas B. Yoders, November 16, by Bishop Amos Beiler.

## MARRIAGES, Continued

## Holmes County, Ohio

Hershberger, Schlabach — David, son of Jacob and Sarah (Weaver) Hershberger, and Martha, daughter of Aaron and Fannie (Miller) Schlabach, November 9, by Bishop Andy J. Mast.

Troyer, Weaver — Milton, son of Eli R. and Amanda (Hershberger) Troyer, and Fannie, daughter of Emanuel A. and Verna (Swartzentruber) Weaver, October 26.

Troyer, Troyer — John, son of Ben A. and Mable (Beachy) Troyer, and Mary Ellen, daughter of Elmer M. and Katie (Schlabach) Troyer, November 23.

Weaver, Schlabach — Lester, son of Monroe A. and Elizabeth (Schlabach) Weaver, and Elizabeth, daughter of Solly and Alta (Weaver) Schlabach.

Yoder, Yoder — Noah, son of Min. and Mrs. Jacob N. Yoder, and Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Yoder, November 9.

Yoder, Troyer — Henry, son of Min. and Mrs. Noah N. Yoder, and Mary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John G. Troyer, November 23.

Yoder, Yoder — Eli, son of Mr. and Mrs. David S. Yoder, and Fannie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John E. Yoder.

## Guthrie, Kentucky

Miller, Kanagy — Perry Miller and Linda Kanagy, November 9.

## Adams County, Indiana

Schwartz, Zook — Jacob W., son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter M. Schwartz of Seymour, Mo., and Fannie J., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Zook, Monroe R1, October 5.

Shetler, Kauffman — Jacob M., son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi J. Shetler, Monroe R1, and Freida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kauffman, Grabill, Ind., Oct. 19.

Schwartz, Schwartz — Levi G., son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Schwartz, Geneva R2, and Josephine V., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David W. Schwartz, Geneva R2, November 19.

Wickey, Schwartz — Levi L., son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi R. Wickey, Berne R1, and Elizabeth I., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Schwartz, Geneva R2, Nov. 19.

Yoder, Troyer — Wilson R., son of Mr. and Mrs. Truman Yoder, Berne R2, and Elizabeth E., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Troyer, Berne R1, November 23.

Christner, Schwartz — David, son of Mr. and Mrs. Cletus Christner, Geneva R1, and Katie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dan D. Schwartz, Berne R2, November 30.

## Daviess County, Indiana

Knepp, Knepp — Larry Knepp and Lorene Knepp, October 15, by Bishop Levi Gruber.

Eicher, Yoder — Norman, son of Min. Pete and Susan Eicher, and Wilma Jean, daughter of Raymond and Leota Yoder, November 9, by Enos Troyer.

Graber, Gruber — Jackson, son of Louis and Mary Gruber, and Margie, daughter of Min. Amos and Mildred Gruber, November 23, by Bishop Levi Gruber.

Raber, Stoll — David Wayne, son of Jerome and Naomi Raber, and Rosanna, daughter of Amos and Katie Stoll, November 24, by Bishop Joe L. Gruber.

## Allen County, Indiana

Eicher, Gruber — Christ, son of Bishop Noah and Mary Eicher, and Amanda, daughter of Dea. Andy and Anna Gruber, October 14.

## Arthur, Illinois

Kauffman, Miller — Joe S., son of Bishop and Mrs. Steve Kaufman, and Edna W., daughter of Wallis Miller of Wisconsin, August 17.

Hershberger, Plank — Ervin, son of Pre. and Mrs. Noah Hershberger, and Arlena, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Plank, November 16.

Hostetler, Bontrager — Widower Joe Hostetler and Elizabeth Bontrager of Wisconsin, November 19.

Stutzman, Plank — Ervin E., son of Pre. and Mrs. Eli Stutzman, and Sara Mae, daughter of Dea. and Mrs. Joni Plank.

## Jamesport, Missouri

Miller, Swartz — Wyman, son of Levi N. and Annie (Miller) Miller of Plain City, Ohio, and Barbara, dau. of Sam and Susie (Miller) Swartz, by Bishop Tobias J. Detweiler, October 26.

Hochstetler, Kramer — Ora, son of Joe and Gertrude (Mast) Hochstetler, and Florence, daughter of Ralph and Amanda (Yutzy) Kramer, November 16, by Bishop Tobias Detweiler.

## A TRIP TO PARAGUAY

Excerpts from the Diary of Leah Zook  
(Compiled by Lydia F. Beiler)

On September 20, 1971, we sailed on a Japanese ship, the Brazil Menu, with 350 Japanese passengers aboard, bound for Paraguay, South America. In our group were Leah Zook and Katie Stoltzfus from Pa., Milo Millers and nephew Earl Hochstetler from Nappanee, Ind., Noah Coblenz and wife, Ben Troyer, wife and six children (Mrs. Ben is a dau. of Noahs) from Canada, Lester Miller, wife and fourteen children from Wisconsin, also Elmer Detweilers (the latter two families expect to make their home in the Chaco, Paraguay, S.A.), also Ray and Vera Miller, brother and sister to Elmer's wife, and children of Chris Miller of Paraguay. Katie went to visit her brother, Eli Stoltzfus of East Paraguay. Earl went to visit his widowed father, Monroe Hochstetler of the same place, and also his sister, Mrs. Amos Gingerich. Monroe's wife had been a sister to Milo Miller. She died in South America.

As the ship was leaving, friends on the ship had colored ribbons all lined up to friends on the pavement, holding on till they tore. There was also singing, yelling and weeping, for many people were leaving friends never to return. Tears also came to my eyes thinking of loved ones at home, but taking the Lord with you helps to comfort and sustain you.

Sept. 21, I got up too late to see the sun rise on the ocean but I did see it several times later. Oh! the beautiful and wonderful works of God. For nine days we sailed along seeing mostly Mexico's snow-covered mountains, or just water, waves, sharks, and flying fish. We never sailed more than two days without seeing land.

The ship had 10 diesel engines, 9000 horse power, and was 1513 feet long. It goes from 16 to 18 miles an hour, covering 318 to 380 miles in 24 hours.

Sept. 24, a strong wind all day which made rough sailing, and a lot of people were sick (except myself). The front of the ship raised 14 feet over the waves during the storm. It looked like hills and valleys, and was beautiful to behold. I had to think of Jesus walking on the waves, and could see why Peter's faith was so small, on such a big ocean.

There was always something to do; visit, play games, sew, or just watch waves. Our group, 35 Amish, often came together on the deck to sing and every Sunday we had prayer, Bible reading, and singing. We spent four Sundays on the ship going down.

Sept. 28, we went through five locks on the Panama Canal. The ship was pulled by go-carts. It was dark till we got through but was all lit up, and looked so beautiful.

Sept. 29, we entered Cristobal, Venezuela, and watched them unload the ship. At 10 a.m. we all got off the ship and went shopping, but had to be back by 2 p.m. This was the first we got our feet on dry land since we started.

Oct. 5, we crossed the Equator. As we were crossing a horn tooted, and everyone got a certificate to prove that we crossed the Equator.

Oct. 6, we sailed into the Amazon River to within ten miles of Belem, Brazil, which was the closest the ship was able to sail. Twenty people got off here, and they unloaded 1818 ton of fertilizer onto four freight boats. We left again the next morning, and saw a plane take off on water.

Next stop was Rio de Janeiro, capital of Brazil. Here we took a bus tour through the city. This city has 1700 banks, one is 48 stories high. It has a population of four and a half to five million people, of which 85% are Catholic. This is one of the most beautiful cities of the world. As we were docked here two days we also took a trip to the mountains near here. One of them was Sugar Loaf Mountain, 1200 feet high. We had a ride on a cable car between two mountains, going partly over the city.

Our next stop was Santos, Brazil, where the family from Japan left us. Altogether 150 people left the boat here, but fifty others got on to go to Buenos Aires.

Oct. 16, we took a bus tour to Sao Paulo, a distance of 45 miles. Sao Paulo had one million people in 1928; now it has seven million. It has 30,000 factories, and one factory employs 20,000 people. They make 800 cars in a day. The city is 400 years old. It has seven man-made lakes and a big monument, the largest in Brazil. We also visited a snake farm. Huts are built on frames over the water, and poor people stand along the road selling fish to make a living.

Oct. 20 was our last day on the ship. We were exactly one month on the ship and sure was sad to hop off. We got off at Buenos Aires, capital of Argentina. A bus from Menno Tour took us to Ascension, capital of Paraguay. This was 1500 miles and took 24 hours.

Here we saw a lot of flat land, windmills, and corn-fields. Houses are mostly two miles from the main road. This would be a nice place for a settlement.

Oct. 21, we got to Paraguay. We crossed a lake on a ferry, which took 25 minutes. Three big buses, four cars, and some trucks were on the ferry. Levi Chups were at Mennonite Heim to meet us. The Mennonite Heim is staffed by all Mennonites.

Oct. 22, John Janson, the man that owned the land that the Amish bought in East Paraguay, came to take us to Eli Stoltzfus' at Cedratu. This was a 200 mile trip in a pick-up truck. Land here is very flat, with a lot of ant hills, 2½ to 3 feet high. Cattle walked along the road on both sides. There was 160 miles of hard road, then dirt road for 20 more miles to Janson's sawmill in Tobati. He has 200 men working for him, and also has a little motel. After 20 more miles, driving through woods, we came to Cedratu. Amish families living here are Eli Stoltzfus', Amos Gingerichs, Monroe Hochstetler (whose wife died since moving here), Noah Stutzmans, and Pre. Sam Millers. They all came to greet us. We surprised them as they didn't expect us till the next week. Katie and I stayed at Elis' for seven weeks, helping them with whatever was to do. We roasted peanuts, made peanut butter, picked oranges, planted garden, chopped and sawed wood, etc.

On Christmas Eve we sat barefooted out under the moon and stars in the yard. Instead of the Big Dipper we saw the Southern Cross. The Big Dipper can only be seen, near the horizon, in June, July, and August.

They have church every Sunday, but have only one preacher. The first Sunday church was at Eli's. Their meal consists of whatever they have on hand at the time. Their summer comes in November, December, and January. Then they have beans, peas, cucumbers, corn, manioc (like a potato), sweet potatoes, water melons, pumpkins, cantaloupes, and peanuts. In winter, which is June, July, and August, they have carrots, red beets, cabbage, celery, lettuce, spinach, cauliflower, tomatoes, radishes, and leak onions in their gardens.

Once a week they go to Tobati for their mail, it takes five hours. They make peanut butter to sell. They grind wheat, and make cornmeal, by horse-power. They also make their own sugar from sugar cane. They butchered while we were there. (Leah lost the tip of her finger in the meat grinder. Ed.) Everyone helps to eat the meat as they have no refrigeration, and canned meat does not keep. Sometimes they eat armadillo meat. This is an animal similar to a turtle, only larger. It has a head like a pig, and ears like a horse, only smaller. A very tasty food.

In their fields they raise kaffir corn, manioc, pineapples, and bananas. In the woods are cedar, bamboo, palm, orange, and lime trees.

Nov. 1st Sam Schrocks from Tobati visited the colony. On Nov. 9th we started on a trip to some other colonies. First we got to the Bergthal colony where the Mennonites live. This colony was started in 1943 and is a very nice place. We stayed at Henry

Hildabrands one night. They are the parents of John Jansons. On the way to Summerfield we saw herds of cattle being driven with their horns tied together, two by two. Here we visited Neal Beachys (who have since moved to the states) and Uriel Shetlers, and also met John Zook. We ate supper at Paul Eichhorns. On the way back to Cedratu we visited Henry Hertzlers.

Nov. 15, we started for the Chaco colony, which is a distance of 400 miles. We went through Asuncion and stopped at the Mennonite Heim for the night. Took a bus the next morning, and at several places the driver tooted his horn to get the people out of bed who were scheduled to go along. When the bus seats were all filled the men got on top of the bus. When they wanted off they stamped on the roof.

At Filadelphia we called for someone to take us to Levi Chupps. Besides Levis there are these families there: Sam Hertzlers, Amos Eichers (who have moved to the states since), Levi Bontragers, John Detweilers, Noah Coblenz, Ben Troyers, Elmer Detweilers, and Lester Millers. The last four had gone down with us from the states. We stayed there a week. They have church every two weeks in the schoolhouse. Each family has two houses, a sleep-house and an eating house. Here they grow dates, figs, tangerines, limes, grapefruit, and watermelons but hardly any garden vegetables, and the soil is too sandy for bananas or pineapples.

We also visited John Ducks, Mennonite people, who moved down there in 1927. They have nine children.

Nov. 21, we were in church in the Chaco settlement. Sermon by Willie Miller from Dorf 18, and Noah Coblenz. We also visited Chris Miller from Dorf 18, father of Ray and Vera Miller.

Nov. 23, we started back for Cedratu by bus. Stopped at the Summerfield colony and attended their church service which was in Spanish, but someone interpreted it in English. The next Sunday we had church services in Noah Stutzman's new house. This was back in Cedratu.

Dec. 6, we made another trip, this time by team, a distance of 75 miles. Stopped at the Aquazu settlement where some Mennonites live. This colony was started in 1968. We went through woods and more woods. Sometimes the men had to cut down vines and branches so we could get through. Several times we had to unhitch the horses to cross bridges. We slept along the way two nights. After the third day we came to Steven Stoltzfus's (Taxi Dave Stoltzfus's son). We stayed here two days. We also visited Paul Hollingheads, Ivan Brubakers, Aquilla Riehls, and John Fishers.

Dec. 10, we started back, some of us going by bus. We stopped at Neal beachys in Summerfield one night. From there we went on a lumber truck to Tobati.

Sunday, Dec. 12, we were reading and writing, and had supper at Henry Hertzlers.

On December 15 we all got back to Cedratu. As a rule they don't keep Christmas down here, except those that want to, but we were all together in Monroe's yard to sing on Christmas Day in the p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 1, church was at Amos Gingerich's as we had to start for the states the next morning. In the afternoon I went to pick oranges in my bare feet.

Jan. 2, we started out by team for Tobati, and slept there the first night.

Jan. 3, we got up and had prayer together for the last time in Paraguay. It was a sad parting after being together for two months. One of Janson's workers took us to Ascension and we stopped at the Mennonite Heim. The next day Noah Coblenz and Lester Millers came to see us off. What a surprise!

From there we took a bus for Buenos Aires, where we stayed at the Gran Viena Hotel, same place we stayed going down and they remembered us. As the ship was delayed we didn't get started till Jan. 11th. The name of our ship was the Savannah, a freighter. They can take 12 passengers, but had only 9 this time with us. Sure was nice to sail again.

First stop was at Montevideo, capital of Uruguay. Next stop, Parta Alegre in Brazil, where we stayed two days. Started again on Jan. 16, was 92 degrees. The next day we were on the beach awhile then went shopping. Late in the evening of January 20 the ship pulled out of Santos. On January 22 we stopped at Victoria, Brazil, our last stop in South America. While there we explored a submarine, which was 99 steps long, and goes 1000 feet under water. There are 88 men in the crew, and one man does all the cooking. They took us on a tour inside.

Feb. 2, we had very rough sailing. At noon we passed a tower near Bermuda. That evening the captain and steward had a farewell party for us and the chief engineer. It was getting colder. For two weeks we saw nothing but water. But again, so beautiful!

Feb. 3, we had the worst storm yet. I could hardly get out of bed, tried the third time till I got on my feet.

Feb. 4, still stormy. The doors are all locked, which means no one may go out on deck. Waves splashed all over the ship and against the window panes. While eating breakfast I went sliding over the floor a couple times. They sprinkled the table-cloth so the dishes wouldn't slide around.

We entered New York Bay around 9 p.m. It was 43 degrees at 12 noon, 30 degrees at 6 p.m., and 25 degrees at 7 p.m. It seemed cold after coming from the sunny south. Because of the weather we slept on the docked ship yet one more night.

Feb. 5, at 6 a.m. we ate breakfast then got off the ship. The five people who traveled home together were Milo and Amanda Miller, Earl Hochstetler, Katie Stoltzfus, and Leah Zook. We were on the ship a little more than three weeks and it was a little hard to leave. But Oh! such a wonderful trip.

God's works are wonderful over sea and land;  
I know He was leading us with His Hand.  
I can't be thankful enough to the Good Lord  
For this safe trip. No one went overboard.  
If we could only learn more to trust and obey;  
Surely God will lead us the right way.

-The End -

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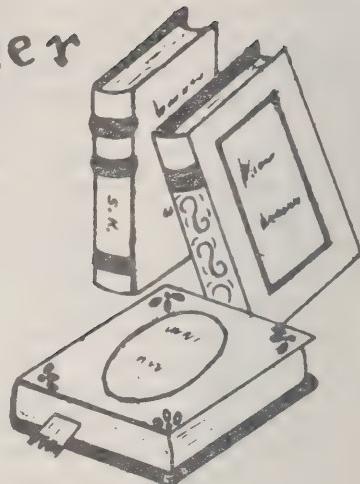
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# Unsere Geistliche Bücher

Lasset das Wort Christi unter euch reichlich wohnen in aller Weisheit; lehret und vermahnet euch selbst mit Psalmen und Lobgesangern und geistlichen Liedern, und singet dem Herren in eurem Herzen.  
Kolosser 3:16



23. Mel. Ich will von meiner missethat. (3)

Nun haben wir des Herren wort Wiederum aufs neu gehört. Ach Jesu, liebster seelenbör. Schenke daß es fruchtbar werd, Dass jedes herz wird aufgeweckt, Das noch im schlaf der sünde steckt, Und sich zu dir bekehre.

2. Gieß deines geistes bal- samkraft In ein jedes herze aus, Auf daß doch werd mit ernst geschäft Wahre buß in jedem haus. Damit dein sü- kes gnaden-licht Die große finsterniß zerbricht, Die unsre zeit bedecket.

3. Ach Herr, erneure deine g'mein, Pflanze lieb und ei- tigkeit, Und tilge den zertren- nungs-schein, Löde die par- theylichkeit; Laß lieb und des- mutt herrscher sehn, Dass sich in deinem geist allein Dein ganze g'mein verbinde.

4. Mel. Mir nach, spricht Christus, unser held. (3) (28)

Ach Herr Jesu! schau in gnaden Unsere versamm- lung an; Die wir noch mit sünd beladen, Mit untugend angethan, Wagens doch vor dich zu treten, Dich, o liebster, anzubeten.

2. Ach Herr! erleuchte deine knecht, Die vor dich sollen treten, Gieb ihnen, deine worte recht Durch deinen geist zu reden, Dass doch der reine saame dein In jedes herze falle ein.

3. Ach laß dein wort und geistes kraft Von herz zu herz durchdringen; Hilf, daß wir von der sünden macht Durch deine gnad entrinnen, Und pflanze uns als rebelein In dir dem wahren weinstock ein.

to release from his mind by way of pen and ink priceless jewels in poem form. It can be reasoned that many of these were neither appreciated nor accepted in their time, nevertheless today they stand like a house built upon a rock.

It can be supposed that in exactly this way our author was led to write hymns. Christian Herr was a Mennonite Bishop. He was first ordained deacon, twelve years later he was ordained to the ministry, and five years later to the high office. It can be reckoned that in the first period he wrote these two hymns. He expresses a deep concern for the church. He clears a few points that we should well consider and that it is evident that some churches overlook or disregard today, that the church body is human-man is fallible-prone to sin, as he states in the first verse "noch mit sind beladen," that by the grace of God-not by man's righteousness-can the fold be led to true salvation.

In another hymn he wrote we have another example, "Nun Gute Nacht ihr Liebsten Mein." Above this hymn he makes a quotation, "Über den Letzten Ab- schied von A. K." We cannot say who this A. K. was, but perhaps a member of the family, and upon this death in the family he was inspired to write this much used hymn. It was written in time to be added to the zweyter anhang of the UNPARTHEYISCHES GESANG-BUCH, page 464. This hymn was widely used as a funeral song by the Mennonites, and has possibly been read at our church funerals in former years, although another hymn similiar to that one, "Gute Nacht ihr Meine Lieben," page 444, has been used in later years at our funerals, also likely written by an American author.

## Christian Herr

From a booklet published by John Funk, Elkhart, Indiana, 1887, we find a biographical sketch and a collection of twenty five hymns written by Christian Herr all in German. Five of these hymns are found in our UNPARTHEYISCHES GESANG-BUCH. All of these five are in the anhang or latter part of the book which were first printed in 1829.

Christian Herr was born October 31, 1780. His father was also Christian Herr and was often referred to as "Pequea Christian" as they lived along the

These two hymns were selected from a collection of hymns written by Bishop Christian Herr. These hymns should be familiar to all of our readers. They are perhaps of the most heard of in church services and very fitting to a deacon's recital before reading the scriptures as well as at witness time. We are so familiar with these words that we have them by heart and in our heart. They are just as they were forty years ago, although they have a deeper meaning to us now. Many such hymns are read, sung, and repeated without a thought to who wrote them. Someone filled with spiritual vigor has rendered time and efforts, aside from mutual cares in a busy life, to contribute to the followers in church, such inspiring and everlasting fitted words. It could be supposed that most hymns were written by old saints, or, lets say, by older members who have retired and have now devoted much of their time to reading and writing, but it just doesn't shape up that way in many cases. Hymns are not written by accident but often by incident. How often so we find in our time that when death comes into a family there is often a member of the family led to piece together words in poem form as a memorium to the deceased. Our first hymns in the AUSBUND (martyr hymns) were written by those who have experienced persecution, who were in prison at the time. Likewise, other hymns were written for a reason and for a cause, very often in the prime of life or in the busy time of life, was an author pressed

Pequea Creek in West Lampeter Township. Hans Herr was the progenitor of this family, who came to America from Switzerland around 1710. Hans was the pastor and leader of this early Mennonite colony.

Our Christian was united in marriage to a daughter of Christian and Barbara Forrer of Conestoga Twp. in 1800. Around 1816 he withdrew from the world and became a member of the church of which he had been instructed from childhood, of which his parents and ancestors had been members. In 1823 he was chosen a deacon, in 1835 a minister, and five years later a bishop, and became the successor of Bishop Peter Eby.

There are a few points the writer would like to bring out from the life and example of this Mennonite bishop. According to this biographical sketch, besides being a hymn writer he had other talents worthwhile looking at. The book says he was known as a fluent, sound, and logical reasoner in his duties. The tenets of his religion were non-resistant and he condemned war as sinful. He was not to aid or participate by any of its professors. He prohibited any of his members from engaging in any law suits before the legal tribunals of the county, but directed all difficulties and controversies that might occur amongst the members of the society to be referred to and adjusted by the brethren. But his life was not without struggle.

A certain John Herr, being a leader of the so-called Reformed Mennonite Church, had written him a letter, openly charging him, as a minister of the Old Mennonite Church, as being unfaithful, unconverted, and a deceiver of the people, that gross sin and carnal indulgencies were tolerated in the church. From a reply letter by Christian Herr we can gather much of his faith and sentiment. He held a cool and meek attitude toward his opponent, not once did he criticize his views while he held a firm and stable position according to his faith. For an example we will quote one paragraph from his letter: "The Mennonite Church, which is in great poverty and weakness, by the help of God I seek to serve, had an existence long before you and I poor worms of dust were born, and her doctrines and confessions of faith, according to the MARTYRS MIRROR, had their origin in the times of the apostles and in their teachings, and there were also, according to the testimony of the said book of martyrs, from century to century those who sought to govern their lives and conduct accordingly therewith, those who sealed with their blood the doctrines and teachings above referred to, although these followers of Christ who held to the doctrine of baptism on faith, did not all administer the outward rite of baptism alike, etc."

In closing we want to bring out the most striking points that we learn from this booklet, the situation of this old Mennonite Church and its leaders, their aim, their strife, their problems to maintain their ordinances to keep the church pure, were very much the same as what is confronting our church today or one hundred and fifty years later. From our booklet we gather hints that this Christian Herr was minded to expel disobedient members and to shun the evil.

Joseph F. Beiler

## PASHAN, INDIANA

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The owners of the store crowded into the south half of the house, which had three rooms downstairs and one upstairs bedroom at the back. A lean-to shanty with a dirt floor served as a summer kitchen for those cooks requiring one. The first store owners that my mother remembers were Abe Stutzmans and then Abner Yoders, who moved on to Oregon. It is possible that the Yoders preceded the Stutzmans, for Abe's daughter Ida married Joe Suntheimer from an Amish family living a half mile south, and then this young couple took a turn at the store. Foreseeing better prospects in the new town of Shipshewana, Joe set up in business there, where his "Suntheimer's Store" served the community for a generation. Jake Mishlers made the final attempt to keep the Pashan store, but it became obvious that it could not compete with the new trading center growing up a little over three miles to the northeast.

Across the road were three and sometimes four houses on approximately one-acre lots, each with its own stable. People moved in and out of these houses frequently. Young couples used them temporarily until they could buy a farm, but older families also came and went. Even children of the neighborhood made tacit assumptions about people that age who had not yet established themselves on farms. These families brought their strawticks to the bigger barns for filling and they were often given various kinds of produce to take home when they had helped their neighbors in emergencies or during busy seasons. Their cows pastured along the roadside.

The lots on the east side were carved out of a 160-acre plot which Jacob Schrock bought, and may also have partially inherited, from his parents-in-law, Joseph and Elizabeth (Yoder) Miller. They were one of the four families in the first group of Amish who settled in LaGrange County. They arrived from Somerset County, Pennsylvania, in June of 1841, eleven years after Newbury Township was first surveyed. Joseph Miller, who lived first for a short time in Elkhart County, made various land purchases and in 1846 bought this northwest quarter of Section 21 from one Nelson Rockwell for \$1000. On November 14, 1865, Jacob P. Schrock sold his farm of now 158 acres and the buildings on it for \$9500 to John Johns, grandson of the founder of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. He was a vigorous man—sturdy and outspoken. Unfortunately, his new Indiana farm was considered one of the least attractive in the area. It was low, poorly-drained, and covered with Canadian thistles. The buildings stood back from the south intersection on a little rise. Lanes led to both south and west roads over ditches and swampy ground. Grandpa Johns with characteristic determination conquered the thistles and drained the land with a system of tiles and dredge-ditches. He moved the buildings out to the west road, about sixty rods south of the village, and here Laura was born in 1883, the third child of Jacob and Malinda (Mehl) Johns, who were living with Jacob's parents.

In a few years the young family moved into a little yellow house on the south end of the west side of the village. This little house was moved back and forth across the road often enough that neighbors joked about keeping rollers under it. At one time, when it stood on the site of the sawmill, Peter and Lena (Johns) Schrock lived in it. Apparently Jake Johns was planning to make his home on the north eighty acres, which surrounded the east village lots, and built a substantial barn there, directly across from his little house. Although remodeled several times, the barn still stands today in its essential original lines.

Grandpa Johns, now too elderly to handle their farm alone, regularly had renters living in part of their house. When Jake lived there he had the advantage of farming the entire quarter section, but when he had the north eighty, there was not enough acreage left to support two families satisfactorily. Furthermore Grandpa Johns was very particular and quite opinionated. Tension would develop and the renters would move out. This is probably the reason that Jake and his family moved back to the home farmstead after his new barn was built, but by 1893 he was back in the village again, this time in the old store building itself.

He moved the little yellow house to the east side again, setting it perhaps twenty feet behind the store. A crosswalk of boards laid directly on the ground connected the two houses. One day a coiled snake showed its ugly head through a crack between the boards, panicking the womenfolk. Jake promptly raised the boards into a better walk and mowed down the tall weeds that had been allowed to grow before he came. He continued the process of incorporating the whole east side into one farmstead. By now only the house remained on the north Norris lot, which he moved toward the new barn and converted into a henhouse. The front room was used for feed and equipment, the back rooms for roosts and nests. He cleared the rest of the west lot, bringing the little barn across the road to the south of the big barn for a sheepshed. Here it stood until it was taken down almost fifty years later.

During this time Jake served as a director for the school on the north corner. He took his work seriously, even dropping in occasionally when school was in session to see whether all was going well. It was his responsibility to have enough wood on hand for the stove in the middle of the room, and his whole family helped him get the building ready for school in the fall. It had no cloakrooms or pump. The quarter-acre was much too small for a school-ground, so in 1892 he donated enough land to enlarge it to an acre, and a new, more adequate schoolhouse was erected. Malinda Mehl (later Mrs. John D. Miller) was the last teacher in the old building and the first in the new. My mother well remembers hearing the stories about the good times in that first little schoolhouse in village days, the generation ahead of her.

Young people came from miles around to attend the spelling bees, the singings, and the writing lessons. Her own recollections include stories about the pail and dipper, about tramps and gypsies—about how well Levi Eash could teach grammer, how expertly Jake Hershberger could sharpen pencils, and how Sammy Weaver, a new pupil, could tell the children's ages by looking at their teeth (with unrecognized help from his Yoder cousins).

In 1893 the old store still had counters and shelves in the back, which Jake planned to remove as soon as he could remodel the house. He dug a cellar and began tearing out the stone wall in preparation for moving the building. To his dismay he found rotting logs and decided the store was too old to move. Disappointed, he covered the excavation until he could build a new house—which never materialized.

Now it was Uncle Eli Bontragers' turn to move off the old home place, and Jake dutifully moved back to his parents' home in the early summer of 1894, on a day when two other families in the village happened to be moving. His plans for Pashan were never carried out, for by the end of the year he had succumbed to typhoid fever, from which he could not recover. Typhoid had struck Pashan once before and took Laura's mother in 1890. In the next year Jake married his hired girl, Mary Suntheimer, daughter of old Fritz and Royal (Fred and Rachel) down the road, and a niece of Mrs. Jacob P. Schrock. The Suntheimers now had a member of their family living in the first house in each direction from the south cross-road and in each house they lost someone by typhoid that fall. At the Johns home it was Jake, who died December 30, at the age of 38. Mary and her infant moved back to Fritzes' place; Laura and her brothers were scattered among the relatives. By the time Laura was 34 she was the sole survivor of the family in her generation.

While she was living with Eli Bontragers, she lived once more for a short time in the former store building. By the time the Johns estate was settled, the farm passed into the hands of Joas Yoders, an Amish couple, who made a different decision about the store. They moved it back from the road to the site Jake had chosen, and remodeled it into an adequate home. They turned the little yellow house half way around, moved it to the northeast corner of the other house, and connected the two with a long narrow porch that ran along two sides of the main structure. And thus the two houses remain to this day. The roof of the little old house is sway-backed and it was given new siding a number of years ago, but its essential frame is the same as it was a hundred years ago.

In the early 1900s "Mose-Hans" Millers bought the farm and dotted the grounds with new plantings and flower beds. When they in turn sold the land, it was a surprising turn of events that Laura should come back to the store building for the third time, this time as a young mother. Her return was coincidental. In 1904 she was married to Samuel E. Weaver,

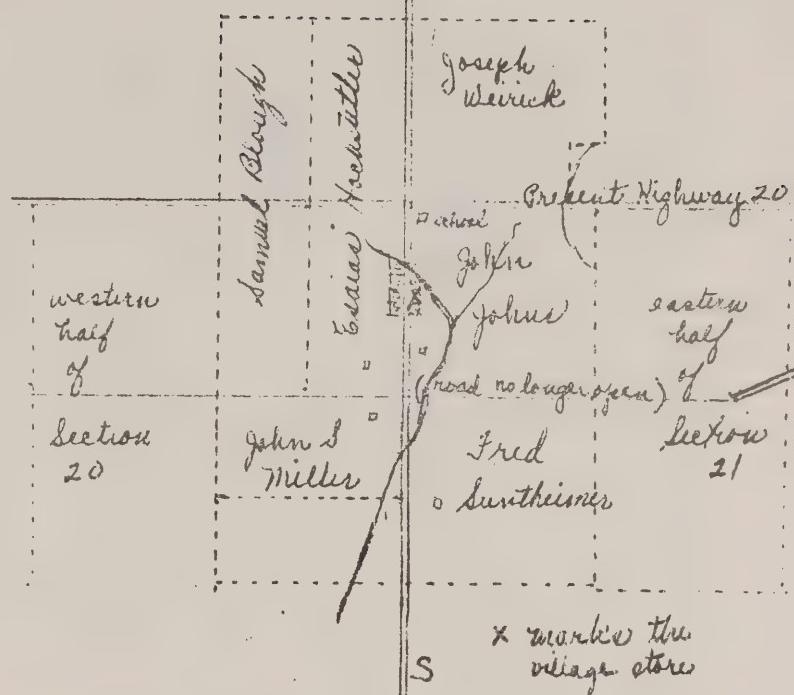
a young teacher-farmer-preacher of the Forks community. They lived at several places in the area but his desire for more schooling became so compelling that in 1908 they sold their farm so that he could attend Goshen College. Denied the education she had always wanted, Laura encouraged and helped him in every way so that he could get his. When he completed his college degree and was ready to return to the neighborhood, the Mose-Hans farm happened to be available. He then plunged into the busiest decade of his life (until his health failed)—assisting in the ministry at the Forks (Amish Mennonite) Church, becoming principal and then superintendent of the Shipshewana School, and making constant improvements on the farm, where he appropriately enough put PA-SHAN FARM in bold white letters on the red Jake Johns barn.

Laura could never forget that she was living in the store building. The fact that she understood so well the uneven surfaces, the wide cracks, and the various patch-up jobs did not make them any more attractive to her. I saw the house through different lenses. It was the only home I could remember and I loved it. I asked her why there were rhubarb and asparagus beds—roses and lilacs—in such odd places, and I was fascinated from the beginning by her stories about the village and its people. I stood at the upstairs north window, trying to imagine it as a door to the doctor's office and I could hardly believe that a whole family once lived in the Old House, now our woodhouse. When we moved away I was ten years old, the same age my mother was when she left that house for the first time.

Dave and Anna (Bontrager) Schrock, our good neighbors to the south, where Grandpa Johns had lived, bought our farm. Two years later their daughter Lizzie married Mahlon Hostetler and the young couple took over Pashan Farm. Now they are great-grandparents. Their twelve children are scattered out to homes of their own. One of them is raising her family on the home place, and Mahlon and Lizzie have moved across the road to a house they built twenty years ago. They have lived a full, rich, happy life at Pashan. They have added land to the farm in several directions. They have remodeled both house and barn. They tore down old outbuildings and built others at new locations. Much has changed, but the old maple tree still stands and rhubarb shoots still appear every spring on what was the Norris lot. No one passing by, however, would ever know that this was once the site of a village. Even the schoolyard has reverted back to the farm and in 1969 adjustment was made with the few Johns heirs that remain.

I have once again walked through the cemetery and I took note of the family names of those whose lives had been touched by old Pashan—Eash, Rheinheimer, Johns, Blough, Hochstetler, Miller, Yoder----. Soon these weatherbeaten tombstones in the tall grass will be our only reminder of the village that was.

Rachel W. Kreider  
Wadsworth, Ohio



#### Genealogical Notes

John Johns, born Jan. 20, 1824, Somerset Co., Pa., son of Joseph Johns II, son of Joseph Johns I, who founded Johnstown; married Nov. 17, 1884 to Catherine Yoder, born April 13, 1825, daughter of Bishop Christian Yoder "der Junger," son of Christian Yoder "der Alter," son of immigrant Christian Yoder "der Schweis" (1726-1816). Their children: (1) Judith, 1847-1906, married Martin Baer, Fulton Co., Ohio, 7 of 10 children survived; (2) Rosina, 1848-1944, married John C. Hershberger, Middlebury, Ind., 1 foster daughter; (3) Daniel J., 1850-1942, married Nancy Yoder, Goshen, Ind., 6 of 7 children survived (well-known bishop at Clinton Frame AM Church); (4) Magdalena, 1853-1942, married Peter Schrock, Fulton Co., Ohio, 7 children; (5) Jacob J., 1856-1894, married first, Malinda Mehl, 4 children, second, Mary Suntheimer, 2 children (1 an infant), Mary married second, Jacob Rheinheimer, husband of her sister Rachel, who also died of typhoid in 1894; (6) Amanda, 1860-1942, married John E. Miller, Shore, Ind., 8 of 10 children survived; (7) Catherine (Katie), 1868-1936, married Eli Bontrager, Fairview, Mich., 9 of 13 children survived.

Joseph J. Miller, born July 12, 1812, son of Joseph of Somerset Co., son of "Wounded John" or "Indian John" of Berks Co., married in Somerset Co. to Elizabeth Yoder, born Nov. 15, 1808, daughter of Joseph, son of Bishop Christian Yoder "der Alter;" four of their five known children came with them in the first group of Amish to settle in LaGrange County, 1841; (1) Lydia, 1831-1905, married Jacob P. Schrock, Middlebury, Ind., 5 children; (2) Polly, 1833-1907?, married Abraham Schrock, Middlebury, Ind., 10 children; (3) Daniel J., 1836-1909, married Barbara Bontrager, to Iowa, 11 children; (4) Joseph, 1839-1911, married Christina Kauffman, to Cass Co., Mo., 9 children; (5) Rachel, 1844-1894, married Frederick Suntheimer, Pashan, Ind., 6 children (died of typhoid).

### PASHAN, INDIANA

There are very few left among us who can remember the village of Pashan, which rose and waned in LaGrange County in the last half of the nineteenth century. It was located in Newbury Township along the White Pigeon-Ligonier road, at the exact midpoint of that half mile stretch between the present Highway 20 and the next intersection to the south, now marked as 1000W and 50N. Nothing remains today to remind one of a village, but at one time it had seven houses, a store, a blacksmith shop, post office, sawmill, and a doctor's office, as well as a school on the corner at the north crossroad. A Mennonite historian suggested to me that since my mother—Laura Johns Weaver of Rye, New York—probably had more to do with Pashan than any other living person, I should write down her recollections about it. She was born near the village nearly eighty nine years ago and even lived in the erstwhile store building at three different times in her life. I have rounded out her account by checking government records and conferring with the Amish family that has lived on the site these fifty years.

Pashan (pronounced Pay-shan) was no doubt formally put on the map in those days when a horse and buggy brought the mail to a chain of little post offices scattered through the countryside—Forest Grove, Schrock (Honeyville), Pashan, and Shore. From the U.S. Post Office Department we learn that Pashan's post office was opened September 18, 1872, and discontinued October 9, 1891. In 1877 at least 72 heads of families were listed under this address, over half of them Amish or Amish Mennonite. These included names like Samuel Blough, Samuel Gingerich, David Schrock, James Troyer, Galentine Ringler, etc., as eight Millers, seven Eashes, four Hostetlers, three

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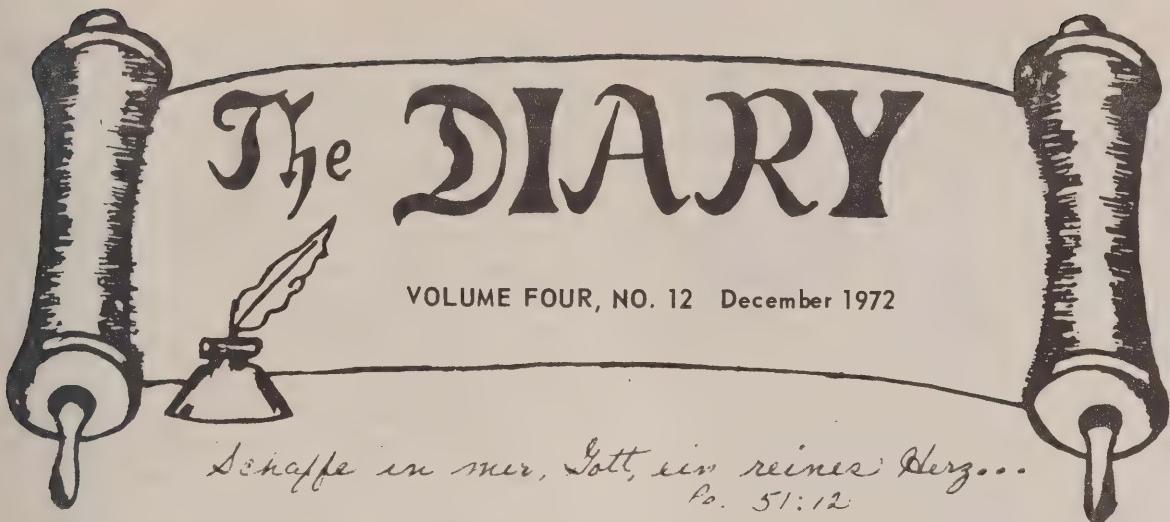
Hershbergers, three Kauffmans, five Nissleys, etc. Pashan would have had a better chance at permanence had not the Pumpkin Vine, a branch of the Lake Shore and Michigan Railroad, bypassed it and by 1884 given the advantage of a depot to the new center of Shipshewana instead.

A writer in THE DIARY once indicated that Pashan may have been on record as early as 1840, but lots for the village were not sold until 1852, when George and Hiram Harding bought several acres on the east side of the road for twelve dollars from Jacob P. Schrock, known as "Bear-Yockle Schrawk." In that same year they also bought 3½ acres from the farm of Esaias Hochstetler across the road. The boundaries of the village never grew beyond these six or seven lots. The business places were on the east side. When George Harding and wife Eliza of Coldwater, Michigan, sold their interest in the property to Hiram Harding at the end of 1852, the price had now risen to \$1200, for a steam sawmill had been erected at the south end of the east side, back from the road. Thus far we have not learned who ran the sawmill or how long it was in operation. My mother thought it had been taken down long before her time, but it still shows in the atlas of 1874. When I was a little girl, bricks still worked their way up through the garden planted on the site, and Mose-Betz (Mrs. Moses J. Miller) gave the sawmill credit for its being the "best garden in LaGrange County."

The lot at the other end of the east side was bounded on its north side by a ditch that ran southeastward from the road, making a small triangular plot. The rectangle of a blacksmith shop was built along the road and across the ditch. The smokehouse behind it was similarly built across the ditch as was the privy farther back. Toward the point of the triangle at the back was a small barn for the horse and cow. The little house stood on the south part of the lot, closer to the store. It had three rooms, and possibly a loft, but even so it was very small for the family of five that lived there. When one of the daughters suffered deep despair, she wrote a suicide note and took poison. The community was very much excited and must have passed cold judgment, for the girl was buried outside the fence of the Pashan Cemetery (located a quarter mile southwest of the village). Not until my time was the cemetery enlarged, mercifully taking her in.

The store was appropriately situated in the exact center of the village and near the road, its porch spilling out across the fence line toward the street. There were two front doors on this porch, the one to the north serving the store. The north half of the building was divided into the store proper, with a corner reserved for the post office, and a storage room behind it to the east. An outside stairway on the north side led up to the doctor's office. My mother does not remember who the doctor was that used this office. The census of 1880 mentions Jacob W. Meyers, aged 39, a physician, who lived with Joe Weiricks, and also a Dr. Harry W. Schrock, either or both of whom may have practiced here.

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Schaffe in mir, Gott, ein reines Herz...  
Ps. 51:12

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### OHIO MAN STRICKEN WHILE DRIVING

John G. Yoder, 55, of Millersburg R3, was on his way home from the Farmerstown Community sale when passers-by noticed he was driving awfully slowly. Upon investigating they found him unconscious, slumped in his buggy seat with the lines hanging down. They called the emergency squad and rushed him to the hospital. He never gained consciousness, and passed away at one o'clock that night.

(See obituary)

### OHIO WOMAN HAD HEAD OPERATION

When Annie Miller, 22, daughter of Sam J. and Mary (Troyer) Miller, went to work December 4, at the egg house in Benton, she was there only a few minutes when she started with a severe headache. Some one took her to the doctor, who sent her to the Wooster Hospital, and from there they sent her to the Cleveland Clinic Hospital, where she was very low part time, then better again some days. They took a lot of tests and decided she has a bubble in the blood vein near the brain, and about a week later operated on her and found that it was not as near to the brain as had been feared. She is gaining well since the operation and came home from the hospital on the 23rd. She can walk around some, but lies down often. What bothers her most now is the hole in her spine where they took so many tests. Her hair is all shaved off her head and she wears a white paper cap as a bandage. She will have a long way to go before she is well. Address is R5, Millersburg, Ohio.

### AYLMER MAN KICKED BY HORSE

Jacob Eicher got kicked by a draft-horse Nov. 30. He talked to the horse and wanted to step in to curry him. Apparently the horse didn't hear him, for as soon as he touched him he kicked with both feet. Jacob got hit at the knee, a chip was broken off from the bone above the knee. He is still on crutches.

### DOVER, DEL. KICKED BY HORSE

Joe W. Miller, 19, son of Wm. E., was kicked by his buggy horse, in lower abdomen, on the evening of December 13th. He was taken to the hospital later that night, with internal injuries, and was operated on early the next morning. Doctor removed a large amount of clotted blood. He was a sick man for five days due to internal bleeding and loss of blood. He remained in the hospital nine days, and is well on the way to recovery. Joe married Malinda M. Miller, April 6, 1972.

### COMMUNITY NOTES - Barrs Mills, Ohio

Norma Jean, age 7, daughter of Mrs. Emma Hershberger, had open heart surgery Oct. 25. The doctor is well pleased with the gain she has made. She had her last check-up with the doctor in Columbus, Ohio December 6th. He gave her permission to start to school Feb. 1st, if weather is favorable, but is to avoid sick people.

Emma's uncle, Manasses R. Yoder, is nursing a broken leg, which is a result of being attacked by a bull at the Sugar Creek livestock auction.

Pre. Roy E.H. Miller, 28, of Fredericksburg had a mishap on December 7 while sawing on the jointer. He got his big finger off just behind the nail and the other middle finger part of the nail. He was to the hospital to have them fixed and could go home again, but had a lot of pain the first night that he had to walk the floor.

### MILD EARTHQUAKE IN LANCASTER CO., PA.

Many people had just settled their brains for a long winter's nap when the earthquake hit at 10:01 p.m. Thursday, December 7. The northwest area of the county felt the bump, and one loud boom. Some houses shook and in other homes even the beds were shaken. Some residents checked their furnace, later when they went outside, they saw the neighbors were out, too.



## BIRTHS

### Dover, Delaware

- BEACHY, Lewis H. (Mary Ann Miller) Dover R2  
a daughter SYLVIA, December 12  
BEACHY, William D. (Lydia Mast) Hartly R1  
a daughter SARAH, December 6  
MAST, Leroy J. (Irene Byler) Hartly R1  
a daughter LAURA, December 19  
TROYER, Roman A. (Matilda Miller) Dover R2  
a daughter RHODA, December 2  
YODER, Noah J. (Elizabeth Byler) Dover R2  
a daughter BARBARA, December 27

### St. Mary's County, Maryland

- HOSTETLER, Isaac Y. (Sarah Peachy) Mechanicsville, a son RUDY, December 6  
KURTZ, Gideon (Rachel Hertzler) Mechanicsville  
a daughter LIZZIE, December 3

### Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

- BAWELL, James S. (Katie S. Fisher) Gordonville R1  
a son AARON F., December 21  
BEILER, Christ R. (Katie Stoltzfus) Quarryville R3  
a son SAMUEL S., December 6  
BEILER, John I. (Fannie F. Stoltzfus) Gap R1  
a daughter KATIE S., December 28  
ESH, Jesse L. (Malinda Stoltzfus) Narvon R1  
a son DAVID Z., December 25  
ESH, Jesse S. (Fannie King) Gordonville R1  
a son CHRISTIAN K., December 12  
FISHER, Elam L. (Sadie Kauffman) Gordonville R1  
a daughter FANNIE RUTH, December 27  
FISHER, Emanuel S. (Katie B. Stoltzfus) Narvon R2  
a son OMAR, December 6  
FISHER, Jacob M. (Arie E. Stoltzfoos) Christiana R1  
a son JACOB M., December 21  
FISHER, John S. (Susie Fisher) Paradise R1  
a daughter MARY JANE, December 12  
CLICK, Amos E. (Mary Stoltzfus) 369 Mt. Sidney Rd.  
Lancaster, a daughter ANNA S., December 28  
KAUFFMAN, Benjamin E. (Elsie B. King) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son EMANUEL K., December 24  
KAUFFMAN, Christian J. (Anna Flaud) Paradise R1  
a son ALVIN JAY, December 3  
KING, Amos K. (Rachel Smucker) Narvon R1  
a daughter DEBORAH ANN, December 21  
KING, Benuel S. (Nancy Diener) Kinzers R1  
a daughter BARBARA ANN, December 21  
KING, Daniel M. (Susie S. King) Elverson R2  
a daughter KATIE ANN, December 6

JUNG, Marvin W. (Elsie Ann Sunkel) Gap R1, a son ROBERT P.,  
Lancaster, a son ABNER S., December 31

LAPP, Alvin M. (Fannie Stoltzfus) Gap R1  
a son SAMUEL S., December 23

LAPP, Joseph (Fannie S. Kauffman) Ronks R1  
a daughter FANNIE K., December 7

LAPP, Samuel B. (Sara Beiler) Gordonville R1  
a daughter RUTH B., December 28

MILLER, Aaron (Sarah Fisher) Gordonville R1  
a son AARON, December 17

SMUCKER, Levi E. (Barbara S. Stoltzfus) Ronks R1  
a son STEPHEN L., December 27

STOLTZFUS, Ammon P. (Sarah Esh) Gordonville R1  
a daughter EMMA, December 16

STOLTZFUS, Daniel Z. (Lydia Fisher) Bird-in-Hand R1, a son SETH L., December 31

STOLTZFUS, Enos K. (Sadie Mae King) Gordonville R1  
a son JONATHAN K., November 2

STOLTZFUS, John (Anna Stoltzfus) Narvon R1  
a son STEPHEN, December 10

STOLTZFUS, Joshua (Mary Stoltzfoos) Kinzers  
a son DAVID S., December 18

STOLTZFUS, Levi R. (Lydia Stoltzfus) Gap R1  
a son LEVI R. JR., December 20

STOLTZFUS, Levi S. (Annie Miller) Kirkwood R1  
a son STEPHEN F., December 13

STOLTZFUS, Michael (Barbara Ann King) Narvon R2  
a son JESSE K., December 13

### Lebanon County, Pennsylvania

LANTZ, Aaron K. (Mary Peachey) Myerstown R2  
a son URIE THOMAS, December 12

### Adams County, Pennsylvania

ESH, Benuel F. (Rebecca Stoltzfus) Littlestown R1  
a daughter MARY, December 25

### Franklin County, Pennsylvania

BEILER, Jonathan (Fannie Stoltzfus) Pleasant Hall Star Rt., a son JONATHAN JR., December 4

ESH, Christ (Sadie Smucker) Newburg R1  
a son DANIEL, December 28

KAUFFMAN, Roman (Mary Troyer) Orrstown R1  
a son PAUL, December 29

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Juniata County, Pennsylvania  
**KANAGY**, Rufus R. (Barbara Blank) Mifflintown R2  
 a son **LEROY**, December 11

Mifflin County, Pennsylvania  
**KANAGY**, Stephen (Annie Swarey) Belleville  
 a son **JONAS**, December 11

**PEACHEY**, Benjamin (Sadie Yoder) Belleville  
 a son **JONAS**, December 11

**PEACHEY**, Louis (Mary Peachey) Harrisburg, Pa.  
 a daughter **RUTH**, December 3  
 (formerly of Allensville, serving IW at Harrisburg)

**PEIGHT**, Pre. John (Lizzie Peachey) Belleville  
 a daughter **KATIE**, November 29

**PEIGHT**, Samuel Jr. (Annie Peachey) Belleville  
 a son **BENUEL**, November 25

**WENGERD**, David (Emma Peachey) Belleville  
 a son **JONI**, December 18

**YODER**, Noah (Mattie Kanagy) Mill Creek  
 a daughter **RUTH**, December 15

Indiana County, Pennsylvania  
**MILLER**, Mr. and Mrs. Ben A.  
 a daughter **ANNA MARY**, December 22

Mercer County, Pennsylvania  
**MILLER**, Mahlon (Martha Mullet)  
 a son **MELVIN**, December 4  
 Births in 1972 were 11, 6 boys and 5 girls  
 Births in 1971 were also 11, 1 boy and 10 girls  
**CORRECTION** — page 203, daughter of Ervon Wengerd  
 Elna instead of Elva

Bradford County, Pennsylvania  
**MAST**, Henry (Barbara yoder) Friendsville  
 a son **RAYMOND**, November 13

Coneango Valley, New York  
**HERSHBERGER**, Joe M. (Emma Byler)  
 a daughter **LOVINA**, December 7  
**HERSHBERGER**, Raymond (Ada Wengerd)  
 a daughter **CLARA**, December 10  
**MILLER**, Eli M.E. (Elizabeth Miller)  
 a daughter **ANNA**, December 21  
**MILLER**, Emanuel Y. (Katie Raber)  
 a daughter **MARY**, December 1  
**MILLER**, Sam D. (Naomi Kauffman)  
 a daughter **ESTHER**, December 9  
**RABER**, Dan N. (Sarah Miller)  
 a son **NOAH**, November 24  
**RABER**, Eli N. (Frona Yoder)  
 a son **ANDY**, November 12  
**SHETLER**, Noah J. (Ada Byler)  
 a son **LEVI**, December 16  
**YODER**, Joely J. (Amanda Hostetler)  
 a daughter **MATTIE**, December 4

Mt. Elgin & Aylmer, Ontario  
**STOLL**, Elmo (Elizabeth Miller)  
 a son **JONATHAN**, December 29  
**SWARTZ**, Andrew (Lydia Petersheim)  
 a daughter in December

Holmes County, Ohio  
**BEACHY**, Dan L. (Sarah Raber)  
 a daughter **MARY**, December 24

**ERB**, Ben A. (Fannie Raber) Millersburg R4  
 a son **JOSEPH**, December 6

**HERSHBERGER**, Nathaniel E. (Amanda Raber)  
 a son **MALVA**, December 17

**MAST**, Marvin N. (Betty Raber)  
 a daughter **MARLENE**, December 7

**MILLER**, Andy J. (Katie E. Hershberger) Millersburg R1, a son **JONAS**, December 4

**MILLER**, Atlee U. (Fannie Miller)  
 a son **JOSEPH**, December 12

**MILLER**, Mose J. (Katie Kline) Millersburg R5  
 a daughter **MIRIAM**, December 16

**MILLER**, Raymond N. (Fannie Yoder)  
 a daughter **BETTY**, November 24  
 Fannie remained in the hospital longer than the baby, she has a heart condition.

**MILLER**, Wayne M. (Susan Schlabach)  
 a son **STEPHEN**, November 24

**RABER**, Albert V. (Verna Mast)  
 a daughter **ELLA**, December 8

**RABER**, Andy M. (Elsie M. Yoder) Fredericksburg R2  
 a daughter **ADA MAE**, December 12

**RABER**, Crist L. (Ida Yoder)  
 a daughter, December 22

**TROYER**, David (Laura Miller) Millersburg Star Rt.  
 a daughter **SARA**, December 12

**TROYER**, Min. William J. (Anna Raber) Millersburg R5, a daughter **REBECCA**, December 22

**YODER**, Crist J.A. (Esther Burkholder)  
 a daughter **BARBARA ANN**, December 19

**YODER**, Dan C. (Ella Yoder)  
 a daughter **SUSIE**, December 3

**YODER**, Levi N. (Abigail Miller)  
 a son **ALBERT**, December 4  
 died 11 days later

Ashland County, Ohio  
**KEIM**, Perry (Katie Miller) Greenwich R2  
 a daughter **SUSAN**, December 14

**MAST**, Levi (Alma Schmucker) Ashland R1  
 a daughter **SUSANNA**, December 21

**SHROCK**, Andrew (Laura Keim) Shiloh  
 a daughter **LAVINA**, December 31

Stuben County, Indiana  
**BYLER**, John (Lizzie Schwartz) Pleasant Lake R1  
 twin sons **JOHN** and **JACOB**, December 24

Adams County, Indiana  
**SCHWARTZ**, Jake E.D. (Lydia Neuenschwander)  
 Geneva R2, a son **PETER**, December 2

**SCHWARTZ**, Peter E. (Josephine Girod) Geneva R2  
 a son, December 28

**WICKEY**, Menas (Susan N. Schwartz) Monroe Ri  
 a son **PHEANIS**, December 8

Daviess County, Indiana  
**KNEPP**, Paul (Clara Raber)  
 a son **LELAND**, December 23

**WAGLER**, Eli (Diana Gruber)  
 a daughter **ONETA DAWN**, December 6

## BIRTHS, Continued

LaGrange County, Indiana  
**BEACHY**, Vernon A. (Polly Yoder) Shipshewana R1  
 a daughter SUETTA, December 15  
**BONTRAGER**, Leo (Martha Hochstedler) Topeka R1  
 a daughter LISA JANE, November 27  
**BONTRAGER**, Perry Jay (Ida Mae Slabach) Shipshewana R2, a son NORMAN RAY, November 28  
**BONTRAGER**, Wilbur (Esther Lehman) Shipshewana R2  
 a daughter EDNA MARIE, December 1  
**HOSTETLER**, Ervin Ray (Lillie Barkman) Shipshewana R2, a daughter RUBY MAE, December 26  
**HOSTETLER**, Norman (Martha Sue Bontrager) Middlebury R1, a son Devon N., December 25  
**KAUFFMAN**, Allen J. (Lydianna Troyer) LaGrange R4  
 a daughter LINDA KAY, December 18  
**LAMBRIGHT**, Alvin Lee (Marcia Hochstedler)  
 LaGrange R2, a son ORVAN ROY, December 16  
**LAMBRIGHT**, John H. (Irma Miller) LaGrange  
 a son NATHANIEL RAY, November 27  
**MAST**, John L. (Edna Schlabach) Topeka R1  
 a son HARLEY J., December 6  
**MILLER**, Calvin A. (Marilyn Miller) LaGrange R4  
 a daughter LINDA LaFAY, December 26  
**MILLER**, David Lee (Saraetta Hochstedler) LaGrange R4, a son HARLEY RAY, November 28  
**MILLER**, Glen Jay (Lydia Mae Bontrager) Middlebury R1, a son SAMUEL RAY, December 7  
**MILLER**, Harvey E. (Leanna Beachy) Wolcottville R2  
 a son NORMAN LEE, December 14  
**MILLER**, Jonas E. (Ida Fry) LaGrange R1  
 a son PAUL I., December 10  
**MILLER**, Perry A. (Elizabeth Miller) R2  
 a daughter SUE ANNA, December 5  
**WEAVER**, Levi (Lizzie Yoder) Topeka R1  
 a daughter SUSAN FERN, December 11  
**WENGERD**, Andrew J. (Lydia Mae Miller) LaGrange R1  
 a daughter EMMA, December 17  
**YODER**, Alvin J. (Miriam Gingerich) LaGrange R4  
 a daughter ELIZABETH, December 1  
**YODER**, Ezra L. (Mary Ellen Hochstedler) Topeka R2  
 a daughter WILMA E., December 3  
**YODER**, Leroy J. (Betty Miller) Topeka R2  
 a daughter LINDA SUE, November 27

Johnson County, Iowa  
**BONTRAGER**, William (Nina Yoder)  
 a son LaVERNE, December 7  
**YODER**, Solomon (Katie Gingerich)  
 a daughter CHARLINE MARY, December 16

Pike County, Missouri  
**BONTRAGER**, Adam S. (Mary J. Burkholder) Curryville R2, a daughter RACHEL, December 22  
**BONTRAGER**, Willard S. (Katie W. Eicher) Curryville R2, a daughter KATIE, December 13  
**BURKHOLDER**, Sam J. (Barbara Schrock) New Hartford a son WILLIAM, December 18  
**LEE**, Noah M. (Katie Martin) Curryville R2  
 a son AMOS, December 6  
**YODER**, Will K. (Lydia Martin) Curryville R2  
 a daughter BERTHA, December 16

Arthur, Illinois  
**BEACHEY**, Ervin J. (Mary Katherine Plank)  
 a son, December 29  
**GINGERICH**, Willard (Willma Yoder)  
 a daughter LINDA MAE, December 7  
**HERSCHBERGER**, Nelson (Clara Bontrager)  
 a son LARRY, December 18  
**KAUFMAN**, Floyd (Lizzieann Miller)  
 a son, December 23  
**MILLER**, Felty (Katie Miller)  
 a son WILLIAM, December 4  
**MILLER**, Velvon (Amos Lee)  
 a son DAVID, December 9  
**PLANK**, Elmer (Martha Otto)  
 a daughter MARY, December 17  
**SCHROCK**, Mr. and Mrs. Abraham  
 a daughter DENNIS LEE, December  
**SCHROCK**, Sam (Sue Ellen Schrock)  
 a son NATHAN, December 13

Buchanan County, Iowa  
**SHETLER**, Ivan (Mary Yutzy) Hazleton  
 a son ROMAN, December  
**STUTZMAN**, Perry (Mary Hershberger) Fairbank  
 a son EDDIE, December 8

## OBITUARIES

**ALLGYER**, John G., 70, of Gap R1, Penna.  
 died at his home at 3:25 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12, after becoming seriously ill the day before. Born in Upper Leacock Twp., he was a son of the late John and Rebecca (Glick) Allgyer. He is survived by his widow, Lizzie L. (Stoltzfoos) Allgyer, and the following sons and daughters: Henry S. Allgyer, of Gnadenhutten, Ohio; Emma, wife of Amos Z. Zook, of Gap R1; Benjamin S. Allgyer, of Narvon R1; Katie, wife of Christian K. Fisher, of Paradise R1; John R. Allgyer and Reuben S. Allgyer, both of Gap R1; Miss Rebecca S. Allgyer, at home; and Stephen Allgyer, of Gap R2; also 41 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild; two brothers, David G. Allgyer, of Lancaster, and Amos G. Allgyer, of Kinzers R1; and two sisters, Katie, wife of Ammon Stoltzfus, of Bird-in-Hand R1, and Sallie, wife of Elam Stoltzfus, of Gap R1. His age was 70 yr., 11 mo., 2 days.

Funeral services were held at the Christ S. Lapp home by David Glick and Jonas Ebersol; hymn by Ira G. Stoltzfus; burial in Millwood Cemetery.

**BEILER**, Jonathan L., 59, of Leola R1, Pa.  
 died at Lancaster General Hospital, on Saturday, December 9, at 8:50 p.m. following a lengthy illness of cancer. Born in Leacock Twp., he was the son of the late Benjamin B. and Sarah (King) Beiler. His first wife, Lydia Petersheim, died in January 1958. He is survived by his second wife, Lizzie (King) Beiler; 4 daughters, Amanda, wife of Menno Stoltzfus, of New Holland R2; Mrs. Rebecca Stoltzfus, of Leola R1; Sarah, wife of Samuel J. Fisher, of Gordonville R1; and Susie, wife of Henry L. Riehl, of Bird-in-Hand R1; also 25 grandchildren, 1 great-grandchild; a

Eicher and three sisters, Jonas K. Beiler, of Honey Brook R1; Lizzie, wife of Levi F. Stoltzfus, of New Holland R2; Rachel, wife of Jonas B. King, of Narvon R2; and Katie, wife of Jacob Beiler, of Holtwood R2.

Funeral services were held at the Omar Beiler home, by Benjamin F. Beiler and Bishop John L. Stoltzfus; hymn read by Dea. David F. King; at the cemetery, hymn read by Bishop Jonathan F. King, abschied by Stephen L. Stoltzfus; pallbearers, Aaron Fisher, Levi F. Stoltzfus Jr., Alvin B. King, and Marcus Beiler; burial in Myers Cemetery.

#### BRANDENBERGER, Samuel J., 9, Camden, Mich.

died December 14, from a fall on the ice on Dec. 7. His age was 9 years and 1 day and he was the son of Jacob and Melinda (Eicher) Brandenberger. In addition to his parents he is survived by two brothers and three sisters, Jacob Jr., Susan J., Mary J., Esther J., and Joseph J.; also grandparents, Sam and Emma Eicher, the paternal grandparents, Enos and Saloma Brandenberger, and the paternal great-grandmother, Leah Brandenberger, all of New Haven, Ind. Two sisters preceded him in death, a sister Deborah Jo died Sept. 7, 1972 when she fell from a hay wagon.

Funeral services were held at the Levi R. Graber home. Burial was in the Amish Cemetery at Camden, Mich., where they are now residing, but were formerly from Allen County, Indiana.

#### HOCHSTETLER, Marlin R., 8 Mo., Rome City, Ind.

son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Hochstetler of Rome City R1, died Thursday, December 21, at the home of his parents. He was born April 17, 1972, in the LaGrange County Hospital. Surviving with the parents are the maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John J. Eash of Wolcottville.

Funeral services were held by Bishop Joni B. Miller; burial was in the Miller Cemetery.

#### KING, Mrs. Mary Z., 64, of New Holland R1, Pa.

died Saturday, December 23, at General Hospital. She was the wife of Jacob F. King. Born in Leacock Twp., she was the daughter of the late Jonas and Barbara (Zock) Fisher. In addition to her husband she is survived by two brothers, John Z. Fisher, New Holland R1, and Daniel Z. Fisher, Gordonville R1.

Mary needed hospital care in August as she was diabetic for eight years or more, eyesight failed, was blind the last years. Company cheered her, also mail and poetry. She was able to attend communion all day in the fall but couldn't attend services since, and was admitted to the hospital again Dec. 23rd. Though they had no family, Mary was like a grandmother to the family of John I. Glicks, who live in the farmhouse. She will be greatly missed, but her wish is fulfilled.

Funeral services were held by Benjamin K. Fisher and John K. Lapp; hymn read by Israel Stoltzfus Jr.; hymn at graveyard read by Ephraim King; pallbearers are Daniel King, Benjamin King, Jonas Fisher, and Mike King; burial was at Myers Cemetery.

#### MAST, Chris J., 75, of Johnson Co., Iowa

died November 26, after a lingering illness. He is survived by his companion, Lena (Nissley) Mast, and six children, Mrs. Benedict (Fannie) Yoder, of Ind., Mrs. Andrew (Elizabeth) Bontrager, of Haven, Ks., Leander, of Ark., Moses, and Mrs. Daniel (Annie) Yoder, of Oregon, and Daniel, of Kalona Rt.; and three brothers, Eli, of Choteau, Okla., John of Jamesport, Mo., and Levi, of Harper, Kansas. Five brothers preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held at the Levi Yoder home in Kalona, Nov. 30. Burial in the East Union Cem.

#### MILLER, Fannie, 62, of Holmes Co., Ohio

died December 15, at her home, following a six-weeks illness. She was born November 17, 1910 in Holmes Co. to Mose and Sara (Yoder) Gingerich. She married William E.J. Miller, December 13, 1934. Surviving are her husband, five sons, Jonas W., and Melvin W., of Millersburg R5, Abe W., and Emanuel W., of Millersburg R4, and Allen, of the home; four daughters, Mrs. Crist (Esther) Yoder, of Berlin, and Emma, Sara, and Katie, of the home; 22 grandchildren; a half brother, Jonas Gingerich, of Kalona, Iowa; and two half sisters, Mrs. Emma Miller, and Mrs. Lovina Troyer, of Millersburg Star Rt. She was preceded in death by a half sister, a half brother, and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held by David Troyer, of Geauga Co., and the home bishop, Lester Schlabach.

#### MILLER, Ivan E., 11 mo., of LaGrange Co., Ind.

son of Mr. and Mrs. Orla T. Miller of R1, Topeka, Ind., died Sunday evening December 17, in the South Bend's Osteopathic Hospital. He was born January in Goshen and is survived by his parents, grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Tobe Miller of LaGrange, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Kemp of Nappanee.

Funeral services were held at the Elva Yoder home by Bishop Daniel Miller; burial was in the Yoder Cemetery.

#### MILLER, Mose S., 65, of Fredericksburg R2, Ohio

died of dropsy, in his home Friday morning, Dec. 22. Born in Berlin Twp., in Holmes Co., he was a son of the late Bishop Sam J. and Lydia (Erb) Miller. Jan. 1, 1938, he married Mattie Troyer who survives. Also surviving are seven sons, Vernon and Joe of Apple Creek; Ray of Millersburg, Sam of Medina, Ervin of Orrville, Albert of Holmesville, and Jonas of the home; seven daughters, Mrs. Eli Raber of Delton, Mrs. Henry E. Raber of Sugarcreek, Mrs. John Amstutz of Wooster, Mrs. Freeman Mast of Apple Creek, Mrs. Emmanuel Troyer of Berlin, and Mrs. Roy E. Troyer and Katie of the home; two brothers, Mike S. and Albert S., both of Millersburg R4; three sisters, Mrs. John Schlabach of Guthrie, Ky., Mrs. Abe J.S. Yoder of Millersburg R4, and Mrs. Emmanuel Miller of Fredericksburg R2; and 52 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held by Amos J. Miller, burial was in the Yoder Cemetery.

## OBITUARIES, Continued

**HELMUTH, Sylvia, 70, of Arthur, Illinois**

died December 7, at the age of 70 yr., 9 mo., 11 days, a cancer victim. She was born February 26, 1902. Funeral was held at the Howard Yoder home, by Jeff Miller, Wm. G. Miller, and Bishop Steve Kaufman; burial was in Otto Cemetery.

**MILLER, Mrs. Samuel (Maryanne), 58, Arthur, Ill.**

died Monday morning, December 4, at the Springfield Memorial Hospital, from burns received from fire caused by spilled gasolene on November 16 (see front page, Nov. issue). She was born June 22, 1914, a daughter of Dea. Jacob and Anna (Kaufman) Stutzman. Married Samuel J. Miller Dec. 17, 1933. Her age was 58 yr., 5 mo., 12 days. Leaves husband, 5 sons, 1 daughter, 4 sisters, 1 brother, and 20 grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the David E. Schrock home, by Andrew Schrock, Amos Miller, and Bishop Edward Nisley; burial in Otto Cemetery.

**YODER, John G., 55, of Millersburg R3, Ohio**

died early Wednesday morning, December 13, after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage (see front page). He was born in Holmes Co., a son of the late Gideon C. and Malinda (Raber) Yoder. He was married to Viola Shetler, daughter of Henry and Alma (Kauffman) Shetler, who survives. Also surviving are 5 daughters, Mrs. Nelson Q. (Bena) Barkman, Fresno R3; Mrs. Dan E. (Mattie) Yoder, Baltic R1; Mrs. Eli D. (Fannie) Yoder, Mary, and Alma of the home; 6 sons, Henry, Millersburg R3; Malva, Baltic R1; Dan J., Andy J., Eli J., and Abe J., of the home. He also leaves two sisters and five brothers.

Funeral services were held by Bishop John Yoder.

**YODER, Infant, of Mifflin County, Pa.**

Infant son of Jonas and Lydia (Swarey) Yoder was born Dec. 22, died Dec. 25. The baby was not normal at birth, and died at the Philadelphia Hospital. Surviving beside his parents are a brother, Cristy; grandparents, Amos Yoders and David C. Swareys; great-grandparents, Jonathan Zooks of Lancaster Co., Crist K. Swareys, and Mrs. Katie B. Yoder. One sister preceded him in death.

Short services were held at the home Dec. 27 by Bishop Joshua Renno; burial in the Locust Grove Cemetery.

**YODER, Susan, 71, of Ashland R1, Ohio**

died December 25 after a short illness of cancer. She was born April 28, 1901; was married to Abe Yoder, who preceded her in death in 1965.

Funeral services were held at the John Hershberger home, by Bishop Albert J. Keim; burial was in the Amish Cemetery.

## ORDINATION

Don M. Miller, son of the late Min. Mart A. and Priscilla (Schlabach) Miller was ordained minister in Bunker Hill North District, October 1, 1972.

## BAPTISMS

## South Kirkwood District

September 24, by David L. Riehl

Jeptha, son of Andrew and Katie (Beiler) Stoltzfus  
Levi, son of Jonas K. and Fannie (Lapp) Zook  
Priscilla, dau. of Stephen and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Beiler  
Hannah, dau. of Henry and Annie (Glick) Stoltzfus  
Sarah, dau. of Henry and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus  
Priscilla, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Miller) Stoltzfus  
Mary, dau. of Jonas and Fannie (Lapp) Zook  
Priscilla, dau. of John and Rachel (Fisher) Stoltzfus

CORRECTION — The following list was incomplete in the September issue, page 168

## West Upper Millcreek District

September 24, by David S. Blank

Daniel, son of John M. and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Alliger  
Ephraim, son of Jacob Z. and Emma (Glick) King  
John, son of David and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Blank  
David, son of David and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Blank  
Henry, son of Samuel and Sarah (Beiler) Yoder  
Susie, dau. of John M. and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Alliger  
Linda, dau. of David W. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Glick  
Anna, dau. of Jacob Z. and Emma (Glick) King  
Sadie, dau. of Henry and Susie (Fisher) Smucker  
Annie, dau. of John and Miriam (Zook) Speicher  
Rebecca, dau. of Samuel and Sarah (Beiler) Yoder

## Holmes County, Ohio

Allen, son of Noah E. and Clara (Schlabach) Miller  
Jonas, son of Paul J. and Annie (Yoder) Burkholder  
Catherine, daughter of Orris C. and Susan (Troyer) Troyer  
by Jonas N. Borntrager

## ARTHUR, ILLINOIS ACCIDENTS

On December 10, Ida M. Schrock (Budget Scribe) while going to hitch the horse in preparing to go to church, the horse became frightened and jumped against her, throwing her down on the ice, and stepped on her leg, breaking it. So instead of going to church she went to the hospital. At last reports was getting along all right.

On December 26, Edna May, 10 year old daughter of Min. and Mrs. Levi J. Yoder, was sent to a neighbor on the pony. On the way home a dog scared the pony and she could not hold him. He was going at such a speed when he attempted to turn in the drive, fell on his side breaking her left leg in three places. also scratching her face considerably.

## COMMUNITY NOTES — Johnson County, Iowa

Pre. Chris B. Miller, 82, is in the Mercy Hospital in Iowa City, with a cracked disc, which he received in a buggy upset several weeks ago.

Pre. Benedict T. Yoder, 86, is also not well, he has been having blood clots in his legs.

Joe Ropp is in bed yet most of the time. He had a double hernia operation, and his broken leg is not healed yet from the accident in which he was involved last July, when their daughter Lydia was killed. Address of all three is Kalona Rt., Iowa

### COMMUNITY NOTES - Dover Delaware

Henry S. Mast, age 80, had a stroke December 15. At first his speech was affected and his left side paralyzed. To date (Jan. 1) he shows considerable improvement in his speech and a slight improvement in his left side.

### PA. MAN CUT HAND IN SAW

Chester Byler, a young married man, got caught in a cut-off saw at the pallet shop in Dayton, Pa., cutting his left hand almost off between the knuckles and wrist. The doctors think there's a 50-50 chance of saving the hand.

### 80 YR. OLD WOMAN BREAKS HIP

Mrs. Iddo (Jemima) Bender, 80, fell and broke her hip on December 5. She was taken to Lewistown Hospital where she had an operation December 8. On December 9 they had her on the chair. She came home December 18 and was supposed to walk some with a walker. She seems real well, walks with a walker, sits on a chair, and dries dishes.

### COMMUNITY NOTES - Holmes Co., Ohio

Mrs. Dan J. (Nancy) Miller of Apple Creek was rushed to the Wooster Hospital Sunday afternoon, November 19, by the squad, when her rupture burst out. She had an operation that night yet. She had to go to the hospital the second time for more surgery and is not very good.

Clara, age 8, daughter of John W. Hochstetler, who got her foot cut off this summer when she was in the pasture field while the men were mowing, has an artificial foot now, and is coming along fine. Her address is Apple Creek, R2, Ohio.

### COMMUNITY NOTES - New Haven, Indiana

Andy Kauffman, 20, is home from the hospital after having part of his stomach removed due to having bleeding ulcers, and is feeling quite a lot better now.

John P. Schmucker came home from the hospital a day or so before Christmas, after having been there eight weeks, but has to go back every other day for therapy.

### MARRIAGES

#### Lebanon County, Pa.

Yoder, Lantz - Sylvan, son of Dea. Amos K. and Mollie (Byler) Yoder, and Lydia, daughter of Sarah and the late Moses Lantz, Dec. 5, by Jacob E. Byler.

#### Centre County, Pa.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - David, son of Jesse and Annie Stoltzfus, and Emma, daughter of Bishop Jacob and Lydia Stoltzfus, Nov. 14, by Bishop Enos Beiler.

This was the first Amish wedding for this settlement which was founded in 1967.

#### Bradford County, Pa.

Girod, Yoder - Dan, son of Ernest and Fannie Girod, and Lovina, daughter of Dan and Lovina Yoder, Nov. 2, by Roy Nissley.

### Holmes County, Ohio

Yoder, Yoder - Eli, son of David S. and Lydia (Yoder) Yoder, and Fannie, daughter of John G. and Viola (Shetler) Yoder, Nov. 30.

Mast, Graber - Crist, son of Mrs. Dan D. Mast, and Ruth, daughter of Jake Graber, Dec. 14.

Miller, Graber - Atlee, son of Yost A. Millers, and Dorothy, daughter of Jake Grabers, Dec. 21.

Yoder, Mast - Roy, son of Obed and Dena (Keim) Yoder, and Edna, daughter of Noah A. Mast, Dec. 21, by Bishop Roman D. Mast.

### New Haven, Indiana

Schmucker, Zehr - David, son of Albert and Martha (Wittmer) Schmucker, and Anna, daughter of Dea. Jacob S. and Marian (Lengecher) Zehr, Dec. 14, by Bishop Amos M. Schmucker.

### LaGrange County, Indiana

Miller, Mast - Orva, son of Ervin and Mary (Lambright) Miller, and Esther, daughter of Sam and Ida Mae (Miller) Mast.

Bontrager, Bontrager - Wilbur, son of Daniel and Mary (Hostetler) Bontrager, and Edna Mae, daughter of Elmer M. and the late Edna Ellen (Yoder) Bontrager.

Yoder, Miller - Wilbur, son of Perry W. and Edna (Eash) Yoder, and Karen Sue, daughter of Ernest and Orpha (Hostetler) Miller, Dec. 19.

Yoder, Yoder - Alvin, son of Perry W. and Edna (Eash) Yoder, and Rosa, daughter of Jonas and Ida (Miller) Yoder.

Yoder, Miller - Freeman, son of Jacob and Emma (Barkman) Yoder, and Susie, daughter of Bishop Henry N. and Molly (Bontrager) Miller, Dec. 21.

### Daviess County, Indiana

Raber, Wagler - Alvin, son of John and Sarah Raber, and Viola, daughter of Min. Harry J. and Lydia Wagler, Dec. 5, by Bishop Fred W. Knepp.

Graber, Gruber - Lavern, son of Simon and Katie Gruber, and Ruth, daughter of Amos and Mary Gruber, Dec. 7, by Bishop Roy Miller.

Knepp, Knepp - Verlin, son of Abraham and Viola Knepp, and Carolyn, daughter of Abraham and Wilma Knepp, Dec. 14, by Bishop Levi Gruber.

Wittmer, Stoll - James Wittmer and Clara Louise Stoll, Dec. 25, by Bishop Levi Gruber.

### Arthur, Illinois

Hostetler, Jess - Levern, son of Levi J. and Mary Schrock, and Lorene, daughter of Lester and Katie (Herschberger) Jess, Dec. 19.

Miller, Hostetler - Raymond, son of Sam H. and Verna (Yoder) Miller, and Marlene, daughter of Levi J. and Mary (Schrock) Hostetler, Dec. 22.

Miller, Chupp - Marvin, son of Marx and Mandy (Schrock) Miller, and Elvora, daughter of Menno J. and Sarah (Gingerich) Chupp, Dec. 28.

### Buchanan County, Iowa

Gingerich, Helmuth - Eddie, son of Rudy and Susie Gingerich, and Emma, daughter of Pre. Dan A. Helmuth, Dec. 19, by Bishop John Nisly.

## December 1972

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### CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS

#### Dover, Delaware, by Neil Hershberger

December weather was mild with very little frost, coldest to date for the winter was on the 18th with a low of 16 degrees. Continued wet with total rainfall for the month, 6.6 inches. Very little sunshine the past three months. The year went out unusually warm with temperature at 60 all night December 31st. New Year's Day temperature up near 70. Honey bees were working. Farmers still not able to get the remaining corn in, and it is too wet to haul manure.

#### St. Mary's County, Maryland, by Amos R. Stoltzfus

December weather was rather unusual. We had rain on 15 days, amounting to about 5 inches, plus a lot of mud and soft land. Dec. 7th the temperature dropped from 62 to 30 degrees in one night. Had a cold snap the 16 and 17th, the 18th it warmed up again. Lowest temperature was 18, but such a strong wind! No snow thru December. We didn't see the sun for nearly a week from the 21st to the 27th, lots of damp, cloudy, drizzly, WET weather. New Year's Day it was 60 degrees and a beautiful springlike day. Farmers are hauling manure on soft fields. Still some beans in the fields. Our county is quarantined on account of hog cholera.

#### Lancaster County, Pa., by Levi L. Stoltzfus

The rainfall for Bareville area in December was 5.5 inches with mostly mild temperature throughout the month. Rainfall for the year was 54.1 inches.

**Market Report:** Choice Fat Cattle, \$37.75 to 40.35; A 2340 lb. Holstein Bull sold 40.75; Stockers and Feeders, \$32 to 48.50; Veal, \$40 to \$68 Cwt.; Veal Heifers sold \$84 Cwt.; 40 lb. shoats, .62 to .70 lb.; Fresh Cows from New York State and Canada sold at New Holland, \$525 to \$770; Large Eggs, 57¢ doz., Med., 56¢; Potatoes \$5 Cwt.; Hay, \$35 to \$80 Ton, 1 load of Alfalfa, \$101 Ton; Straw, \$33 to \$40 Ton; Ear Corn, 38.50 Ton, 1.25 Bu.; Wheat, 2.20 Bu.; Barley, 1.40 Bu.; Oats, 1.70 Bu.; .40 Cwt.

The December pork and beef market was highest on record since 1951.

by Ammon F. Fisher

December was mild with a lot of damp wet weather, .6 inches rain. Only 4 days with ground frozen too hard for plowing. Dec. 17 was windy with temperature in 20s all day. Dec. 24 was just like spring with a nice frost. Last 10 days of the month temperature

was not below 32 degrees with not much sunshine. The last day had heavy rains with 60 degree weather. Lots of people fussing about so much wet weather. Do we realize who controls our weather? Lots of plowing done in December, also much tobacco being stripped on account of damp weather making tobacco very nice to handle. Meadows and lawns are getting green again. Not much manure hauling in December as fields are very soggy. Folks were busy getting ready for the holidays.

#### From Lancaster, Pa. INTELLIGENCER JOURNAL

January 4, 1973

##### A Review of the Year's Weather

Rainfall was 60.77 inches; Agnes brought 16 in. in June; 1972 was wettest on record. Tropical Storm Agnes brought death and unbelievable flooding to the East Coast and will go down in weather records as the worst natural disaster in Lancaster Co. history.

The storm's first drenching rains moved into this area on Wednesday, June 21, 1972, and by the time the torrential downpour ceased two days later, the storm claimed ten lives locally and damage totaled over \$20 million.

Weather here last year started off on a quiet pace with few bitter cold days or major blizzards. For the ninth consecutive year, the mercury failed to dip to zero or below in the city. The low for the year was a 2 above reading on Jan. 16. One serious snow storm blew up along the Atlantic Coast on Feb. 19, dumping upwards of 13 inches that quickly drifted to depths of five feet or more in the county.

Temperatures and rainfall were generally normal during the first five months, then came June with a precipitation total of 16.66 inches—an all-time record for any month in local weather records that date back to 1888. Then heavy abnormal rains in October, followed by the dreary continual weather of Nov. and December, sent the rainfall total for 1972 to another record high of 60.77 inches. The previous wettest year since 1888 was in 1933 when 56.22 inches fell.

The rains over the summer months seemed to have an effect on temperatures here. There were few periods of hot, humid weather in 1972, compared to years past. The high for the year was 96 degrees, set on July 20. This was the third straight year that the high was 96 degrees, and the sixth that the mercury failed to get to the 100 degree mark. And again this past year, there were few severe thunderstorms with damaging hail and high winds.

#### Lebanon County, Pa., by Levi S. King

Damp dreary, drizzly days directly describes December's Diary. A little snow and some freezing rain, plus about 5 or 6 sunny days fills in what the first sentence doesn't cover. The ground wasn't frozen much yet. As December doesn't have much to report on across the writer is looking forward to keeping records of rainfall, snowfall, births, deaths, etc. for the whole year and report totals for the year in future December Diaries.

### LeRaysville, Pa., by Clemens L. Nissley

Mostly wet weather through December, mild for this time of year, very poor drying weather, some snow around the 15th, high wind the 17th, 10 degrees dropping to zero in evening, coldest for December. Had a muddy Christmas, no snow, getting colder the 27th. Farmers are hauling manure and cutting wood, not much plowing done. Some corn to husk yet, was a poor crop, most of it went into silos.

### Adams County, Pa., by Elizabeth A. Stoltzfus

Weather during December was on the cloudy and rainy side, with a total of 6.11 inches of rain. We had very little snow, the temperature being warmer than normal. Warm wet weather creates a problem for farmers who should haul manure and can't get in the fields with it. Also for those who still have corn to be picked. But the corn in the fields might still be the best as some farmers have corn spoiling in the cribs. Farmers that have hay to sell receive good prices for it. Hog markets in this area were quarantined for awhile before Christmas because of hog cholera. Feed prices are very high.

### Franklin County, Pa., by Jacob E. Flaud

Rainfall for December was high, very little sunshine, a lot of damp and cloudy days, very little snowfall so far this winter. Some plowing done in December.

The year 1972 will not easily be forgotten by a lot of people, because of the storm and flood in June, caused by Hurricane Agnes. Happenings like this bring a lot of heartaches and sorrows. It also brings a lot of people together and reminds us how helpless we are. Now that the New Year is beginning, how little we know what is ahead of us.

### Path Valley, Pa., by Daniel Z. Beiler

December continued cloudy and wet. I cannot recall any clear days and only a few partly sunny ones this month. One cold spell, around the 10th, with a little snow. Ground has not been frozen the last few weeks, but very wet. Farmers are doing odd jobs, and hauling manure when they have the chance between wet spells.

Enos Hertzlers moved into this valley from St. Mary's County, Maryland, on November 27th. They were married Nov. 9, 1972. He is serving his IW term at Reuben Hertzlers.

### Mifflin County, Pa., by Catherine Swarey

December had many cloudy, foggy, drizzly days, 20 days with no sunshine. No sunshine from the 17th to the 27th, but cloudy and very foggy. Two very nice sunny days, nine days that the sun shone a little. Even very few stars were seen, nights were cloudy and foggy, too. Lowest temperature was 15 degrees, highest, 60 degrees. A good bit of snow flurries and showers, but not enough snow to pile up. The weather reporter gave the news on Dec. 21, the first day of winter, as 17 inches of precipitation in December, stating that was 8 inches above normal. Men were plowing the last week of December.

### Juniata County, Pa., by David Y. Renno

The weather during December was very wet and cloudy, only a few sunny days all month. Total rainfall for the month was 5.5 inches, total snowfall, 8 inches. Total precipitation for the year was 59 $\frac{1}{4}$  in., or an excess of 21 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches for the year. This has been a year of extremes, with a flood in June and a drouth in August and September, followed by very wet since October. Farmers with oversized herds will not make much this winter if they must buy their hay and grain, as feed is extremely high priced. Good dry corn and soybeans are scarce, and high priced, dairy feeds up to \$200 a ton, good hay up to \$90 a ton.

There is also a scarcity of canned peas, beans, corn, and tomatoes in the stores, because of the wet year we have had. However, our little community fared well this past year. We had no deaths, or loss from floods. Nine babies were born this past year, 5 boys and 4 girls. One family of nine children moved away, none moved in. Thirteen young folks were baptized, and seven young folks were married. Four couples of the newlyweds are taking up housekeeping here.

### Snyder County, Pa., by Sam M. Troyer

We had a little snow in the beginning, then again in the middle of the month. It was cold, down to 14 degrees, and windy on the 16th and 17th, with ice on everything, but not enough to do much damage. Otherwise this month was warmer than normal, especially from the 20th on, except the 27th and 28th it was cold and windy. Very little snow, much cloudy and drizzly weather, but not much hard rain.

### Centre County, Pa., by Tobias D. Stoltzfus

December came in with a snowstorm. Some lanes were drifted shut on December 1. About eight inches of snow before drifting, but most of it was melted again in a week. We had enough snow off and on to make real good sledding for the children until about the 20th. Then it warmed up and quite a few farmers were plowing between Christmas and New Year. There was still some corn to pick in December, but I believe nearly everyone was finished by the end of the month. Beef, hog, and milk prices are high, but so are feed prices, with some dairy concentrates costing over \$200 per ton. Quite a few deer were taken in this vicinity this past deer season.

### Indiana County, Pa., by John W. Miller

We experienced a variety of weather in this community during December. Had about 4 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches of rainfall and 9 inches of snow. The last week the weather was mostly in the 40s and 50s. We also had one of the foggiest days I can ever remember.

### Crawford County, Pa., by Menno E. Fish

December was cloudy and damp, with only a few days of sunshine. The 15th and 16th gave us a taste of winter, with approximately 2 ft. of snow, and 30 mph winds. Feed prices are going up. So, available anymore, due to poor crops in 1971.

## CR-JP AND WEATHER REPORTS, continued

Somerset County, Pa., by Mary A. Kinsinger

The weather for December was mostly cloudy and rainy, with ice and snow. Dec. 1st and 16th were the blustery days, but was quite cold on the 17th and 18th, with the coldest temperature going to about 5 above zero. The 8th, 12th, and 15th were quite icy, with schools being called off the 12th on account of the ice. Our nice sunny days were sure not many. Had some sunshine on the 17th and 18th which made a most dazzling picture, with all the ice and snow that was still on the trees. The last day was real nice and sunny, and also quite warm with about 60 degree temperature. There was very little rain or snow since the 26th. It rained and turned to snow, only enough to barely cover the ground, on the 26th. Corn hucking and plowing was being done again the last few days. The New Year started in bright and sunny with a rather cold wind.

Mercer County, Pa., by Dan J. Troyer

December was about like November, a lot of cloudy days. Had some rain and some snow. Had a snow-storm the first, of about 3 inches. The 16th we had a real taste of winter, snowed and blew all day, had about 5 inches of snow, and temperature went down to about 10 degrees, but in a few days it was warmer and snow about all gone. We had no snow over Christmas. The last day of December temperature was up to 56 degrees.

Caneawango Valley, N.Y., by Mrs. Menno E. Miller

November was wet part time, also had a bit of snowy weather. Lots of deer shot in this county, also quite a few by out of state hunters. The coldest we have had was 8 above, average in the 20s. People are busy butchering. Beef and pork are both high priced. Eggs are a good price, too, 52¢ for large at the weekly auction in Cherry Creek. Rabbit hunting is in season. The rabbits are more plentiful, more so than anytime in the 23 years we have lived here. Fox are more scarce and hides high priced. Rabies have killed a lot of foxes for a number of years. There are a few fox chases announced for New Year's Day.

Holmes County, Ohio, by Mrs. John H. Yoder

Continued cloudy and damp weather, very icy on Dec. 12 and by evening the temperature was up to 60 degrees, turned colder again on Dec. 17, was a cold wind, and sunshine all day. A mild green Christmas, the day after Christmas a good blanket of snow, nice weather the rest of the month. Quite a bit of corn to be husked yet, which is a good crop this year, due to wet weather.

by Mrs. Perry A. Stutzman

We had only 3 days sunshine so far (the 27th) in December, the 2nd, 7th, and 17th; on the 24th the sun was out a little at noon.

by Raymond M. Troyer

December was wet and cloudy, temperature ranged from a high of 60 to a low of 8 degrees, mostly 25 to 35 degrees, had several inches of snow. Lots of

corn to husk, due to rain and snow, and soft flake.

Northwest Holmes Co., by John L. Yoder

For December we had continued wet weather, not too many sunshiny days. Still some corn to husk. Coldest weather we had was around 15 degrees about the middle of December. Mild weather on Christmas, some snow the day after, but continued warm the last week. Health is good with the exception of Katie, wife of Albert J. Beachy, is in a lingering condition.

Western Holmes Co., by Monroe A. Weaver

Below normal temperatures in December, 2 fair days, 4 partly cloudy, balance cloudy, rained or snowed, not over 4 inches of snow. It was 60 degrees Dec. 30 & 31. Very little corn picked in Dec. Less than one half of the corn is in the cribs. Most of the corn is still standing good, was a good crop. Hog prices hit all time highs, \$3.50 to \$4.00. Due to high feed prices, pigs didn't go up on the open market. Most of the larger pig producers in our area sell directly to the feeders at a fixed price.

Barrs Mills, by Jonas Borntrager

Continued wet, the ground was frozen very little so far. The rain gauge registered 10 inches for Nov. and Dec., so our springs are supplying plenty of water. Farmers are husking shock corn when weather permits. The mechanical pickers have done some picking in the last month, but still lots to pick with pickers. December 30 temperature, 40 degrees.

by Raymond S. Weaver

Due to the unusually wet fall weather there is still quite a bit of corn in the fields in Holmes Co. Weather through December was mostly cloudy with skies overcast, only a few days of sunshine. The temperature was down to 12 degrees on Dec. 17.

Ashland, Ohio, by Mary Brenneman

The weather in December was fairly moderate for this time of the year. Had an 8 in. snow on the 16th which made quite a few roads impassable. The coldest we had yet so far was 10 degrees. There still remains some corn to be husked, is hard to get into fields, except when the ground is frozen. Some plowing is being done.

Bronson, Michigan, by O. A. Graber

The last half of 1972 has had extremely high humidity in this area. No especially heavy rains at any time, but still seemed the atmosphere was heavy. All the grain seems dusty including straw and hay. The crops in general were fair, but no especially good crops, except wheat yields were excellent, and hay was probably next best, but oats were very poor. The month of December was also wet and damp so that corn harvesting was very slow, some beans were not harvested yet either. We had one snowstorm with almost zero weather, and one icestorm within the month. Coldwater, Michigan, near here, has been the scene of two big fires within days of each other this month. The County Courthouse, and an explosion at the "Goodyear" store. Many complaints of intestinal flu the last few months, and some quite serious. There'll be three more families moving here after Year. Corn, \$1.50 bu.; wheat, \$2 bu.; hogs, \$32 Cwt.; veal, \$65 Cwt.

**Stuben Co., Ind., by Mrs. Noah N. Eicher**

Weather for November and December was rainy and lots of foggy mornings, only about 4 clear days. In December, had lots of ice, some snow, then ice on the snow. Dec. 30 it went up to 40 degrees, snow and ice about all left us overnight. Still not much corn husked. Ground was not frozen hard under the snow. Corn in the fields is too moldy to crib. Some tractors and pickers started for the field thinking it was frozen, and were soon stuck.

**New Haven, Ind., by Mrs. John Schmucker**

Another year is almost past and had lots to be thankful for. December varied quite a bit in temperature, ranging from 5 degrees the 11th to a high of 56 the 20th. Had no school for 3 days the week of the 11th on account of ice, which made very good ice skating for the children. Didn't have a white Christmas as our snow came a little early and was practically all gone till then.

**Adams County, Ind., by Mary Ann Hiltz**

December 1972 was another dreary month. The sun peeked through the clouds on only 3 days. There are still a lot of beans and corn in fields. Farmers can't get in fields because of mud. Ground isn't frozen hard long enough to get into fields. Rainfall during month was 3.26 inches, somewhat above average, snowfall was 3.1 inches. High for the month was 58 on the 30th, low was 2 degrees on the 27th. There was 1 clear day, 19 cloudy, 11 partly cloudy, and 9 rainy days. There were no thunderstorms.

Some interesting statistics for the year of 1972: The mean temperature for the year was 49.24 degrees, the coldest year since 1945. Rainfall for the year totaled 46.89 in., far above normal. It is of interest to note that while there were 100 rainy days during the year, 60% of the rainfall came on 25 days. The highest temperature was 94; lowest, 20; snowfall, 34.8 inches; 98 clear days, 148 partly cloudy, 120 cloudy, 100 rainy days, and 28 thunderstorms.

**LaGrange County, Ind., by Anna Eash**

The first of December weather was somewhat cloudy, with some sunshine and colder. Snowed hard on the 4th and on the 6th. The 7th was sunny, cold but no wind, we had some fog. Dec. 10, it was cold and snowed hard. Dec. 12, it rained all day. The next few days were somewhat sunny and cold, some near zero temperature with high winds and quite cloudy skies. Dec. 30 it rained all day but the last day of 1972 was sunny with some clouds. Still corn out in fields.

**Daviess County, Ind., by Lester Marner**

December was cloudy and rainy until the week of Christmas with 3 sunny days. The first snow was Dec. 15 with temperature down to 4 degrees. Hogs peaked at \$33 local, corn is 1.65. There is much grain to be harvested yet.

**Arthur, Illinois, by Merton A. Diener**

Fair and cloudy from 1st to 3rd, then some thunder and lightning. By the 4th rain and ice, cloudy, not much sunshine, temperature mostly below freezing to 4 above. On the 16th the sun came up clear, was a very beautiful scene with all the ice on the trees and corn stalks, but only lasted for a few hours. By the 18th the ice was about all gone. Mostly cloudy, with temperature mostly around 32. Had nearly 2 days sunshine, then on the 28th had quite a bit of rain, and as the ground was frozen there were lots of ponds in the fields. New Year morning temperature was 22 and a nice sunrise and nice scenery. There is still quite a bit of corn to pick.

**Buchanan County, Iowa, by Joe A. Yoder**

December was a month of snow and cold, except the very last few days turned warmer with rain and the snow disappeared fast. A heavy snow fell the 14th, 8 to 9 inches. We had 9 zero mornings during December, the coldest was 18 below on Dec. 14th. Corn is mostly picked, but some is spoiling in the cribs on account of high moisture.

**Johnson County, Iowa, by Eli S. Bontrager**

Weather here was pretty much the same as in other localities, much damp and rainy weather, but colder the last two weeks. The ground froze so there was some corn picking done, and beans were nearly all combined by Dec. 18th. We had unusually cold weather for December, from zero to 18 below for 7 days. Dec. 20 to 27th, the weather moderated, temperature was up to 41 degrees.

**Jamesport, Missouri, by Amos W. Yoder**

There was snow on the ground from December 4th till a day after Christmas, then it warmed up and the snow melted. Temperature was 56 degrees the 29th. The coldest was 8 below zero the morning of the 11th. Quite a few beans and corn were harvested while the ground was frozen, and harvesting is now nearly completed.

**Pike County, Missouri, by George D. Yoder**

December weather was winterlike, no extreme cold or stormy weather, but ice on the ground since Dec. 3, when we had sleet, snow, and rain, which clung to the trees and fences a week or more. The ground is still covered with ice, which makes it hard for stock to get around at the buildings. It's very unusual for this area for the ground to be covered with ice so long. Still some corn to husk and shredding to do. Hay is not so plentiful as usual as we had dry weather during the summer months. Butchering is on the program at present, also quilting among the women.

**Aylmer, Ontario, by LeRoy Eicher**

In December we had lots of rain and several snows. The elevators are paying \$1.52 bu. for corn. There is still quite a bit of corn in the fields as it was too wet to get it off. The Amish have their corn off though. Corn seems to be scarce and expensive. What is in the fields now is getting quite soft.

## CROP AND WEATHER REPORTS, Continued

## Guthrie, Ky., by Jesse D. Peachey

Weather remains mostly cloudy and unsettled, although we had several nice days the week of the 21st. Had at least 6 inches rain the week of the 3rd. Snow flurries on the 15th, and snow the 26th that the ground was almost covered. Eight above on the 17th but combines back in the fields for about 2 days. Soybeans are mostly harvested now, except in very few spots. Corn, \$1.60; Soybeans, \$4.00.

## Reno Co., Kansas (Partridge area), by Edward Mast

December was a wet month with the first half being exceptionally cold, only a few days with above freezing temperatures. The last half was quite mild. Most of the crops are harvested. Farmers are spending some time hunting a generous supply of coyotes, which are hard on young lambs and jack rabbits. 1972 was an overall good year which we want to thank God for.

## LANCASTER COUNTY MARRIAGES of 1972

## February

Yoder, Beiler - Gideon F., son of Jonas B. and Mary (Fisher) Yoder, Adams Co., Pa., and Arie Ann, daughter of Elmer and Anna (Riehl) Beiler, Gap R1.

Esh, Riehl - Stephen S., son of Samuel A. and Mary (Smucker) Esh, Paradise R1, and Mamie, dau. of John E. and Lizzie S. (Stoltzfus) Riehl, Kinzers.

## March 28

Fisher, Stoltzfus - Widower Gideon L. Fisher, Ronks R1, and Miss Elizabeth M. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, by Bishop Jonas S. Lapp

## April 6

Beiler, Flaud - Widower Dea. John Y. Beiler, Bird-in-Hand R1, and Miss Rebecca F. Flaud, Bird-in-Hand R1, by Aaron Y. Beiler.

## October 31

Esh, Beiler - Isaac K., son of John P. and Sarah (King) Esh, Bird-in-Hand R1, and Anna S., daughter of Joseph F. and Sadie S. (Smucker) Beiler, Gordonville R1, by Bishop John L. Stoltzfus.

## November 2

Fisher, Fisher - Henry K., son of Samuel M. and Annie S. (King) Fisher, Bird-in-Hand R1, and Elizabeth S., dau. of Samuel S. and Elizabeth S. (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Ronks R1, by Bishop Henry S. Fisher.

Miller, Stoltzfus - Samuel S. Jr., son of Samuel S. and Bertha S. (Stoltzfus) Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1, and Ada L., daughter of Leroy K. and Leah (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, by Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler.

King, King - Jacob B., son of Bennie B. and Emma (Blank) King, New Holland R2, and Esther S., daughter of John E. and Miriam (Stoltzfus) King, Honey Brook R2, by Bishop Elam P. Kauffman.

Fisher, Diener - Samuel S., son of Samuel E. and Katie (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Ronks R1, and Lydia Ann, daughter of Daniel S. and Susie S. (Smucker) Diener, Gap R1, by Bishop Samuel F. Stoltzfus.

Brenneman Beiler - Iddo M., son of Effie and the late Menno G. Brenneman, Star Rt., Springs Pa., and Ida Z., daughter of Stephen and Rebecca (Zook) Beiler, Ronks R1, by Bishop Joel K. Zook.

Fisher, Esh - Ephraim, son of Levi Z. and Mary (Miller) Fisher, Kirkwood R1, and Barbara, daughter of Eli P. and Fannie (Blank) Esh, Christiana R1, by Bishop Christian M. Fisher.

Lapp, Beiler - Reuben S., son of Samuel S. and Lizzie (Stoltzfus) Lapp, Ronks R1, and Anna E., daughter of Jonathan Z. and Barbara S. (Esh) Beiler, Strasburg R1, by Bishop Jonas S. Lapp.

Riehl, Stoltzfus - Christian G., son of Benjamin B. and Barbara (Glick) Riehl, Ronks R1, and Rebecca K., daughter of Stephen E. and Rebecca L. (King) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, by Bishop John S. Glick.

Zook, Fisher - John A., son of Amos Z. and Emma S. (Allgyer) Zook, Gap R1, and Sadie B., daughter of Katie (Blank) and the late Samuel S. Fisher, Gap R2, by Bishop John F. Glick.

## November 7

Beiler, King - Amos B., son of John Y. and the late Lizzie (Blank) Beiler, Bird-in-Hand R1, and Susan B., daughter of Jacob G. and Lydia S. (Beiler) King, Christiana R1, by Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler.

Herschberger, Lapp - Jonathan B., son of Jacob and Mary (Beiler) Herschberger, Quarryville R3, and Elizabeth K., daughter of Daniel L. and Elizabeth H. King, Ronks R1, by Bishop Jonas S. Lapp.

King, Beiler - John L., son of Katie (Lapp) and the late Christ F. King, Paradise R1, and Katie B., daughter of Phares E. and Mary (Beiler) Beiler, of Ronks R1, by Bishop Jonathan F. King.

Kauffman, Stoltzfus - John E., son of Joseph S. and Susie E. (Esh) Kauffman, Christiana R1, and Sarah S., dau. of Stephen L. and Emma Z. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Leola R1, by Bishop Samuel S. Kauffman.

Blank, Stoltzfus - Amos K., son of Henry L. and the late Malinda (Kauffman) Blank, New Holland R2, and Emma S., dau. of John M. and Katie B. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Narvon R1, by Bishop Amos E. King.

King, Stoltzfus - Levi K., son of John E. and Emma B. (King) King, Paradise R1, and Fannie F., daughter of John L. and Sarah F. (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Strasburg R1, by Bishop Amos S. Lapp.

Stoltzfus, Miller - John E., son of Samuel U. and Fannie (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1, and Ada S., daughter of Daniel and Rachel S. (Stoltzfus) Miller, Bird-in-Hand R1, by Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, King - Ivan R., son of David R. and Susie L. (Riehl) Stoltzfus, Narvon R2, and Susie Ann, daughter of Enos K. and Barbara F. (Stoltzfus) King, Paradise R1, by Bishop David L. Riehl.

Zook, Smucker - Amos B., son of Emanuel B. and Leah S. (Diener) Zook, Gap R1, and Rachel S., dau. of Annie (Beiler) (Smucker) Glick and the late Daniel Smucker, Gap R1, by Bishop Samuel F. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Beiler - John B., son of Chester and Mary (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Talmage, and Anna Mary, daughter of Jacob F. and Katie (Kauffman) Beiler, Kinzers R1, by Bishop Sylvan F. Stoltzfus.

## November 9

**Beiler, Fisher** — John K., son of Norman and Fannie (King) Beiler, Narvon R2, and Lydia L., dau. of Daniel L. and Elizabeth K. (Lapp) Fisher, Ronks R1, by Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus.

**Smucker, Allgyer** — Reuben K., son of Jacob S. and Rebecca (. (King) Smucker, New Holland R2, and Eisie R., daughter of Amos G. and Leah B. (Blank) Allgyer, Kinzers R1, by Bishop John F. Glick.

**Yoder, King** — Benjamin S., 2444 Creekhill Rd., Lancaster, son of Alvin S. and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Yoder, and Leah S., daughter of Jacob S. and Edna L. King, Paradise R1, by Bishop John S. Glick.

**Esch, King** — Samuel J., son of Ephraim J. and Sarah (Beiler) Esch, Strasburg R1, and Rebecca S., daughter of Katie (Stoltzfus) and the late Daniel E. King, Elverson R2, by Bishop Isaac H. Zook.

**King, Stoltzfus** — Isaac S., son of Amos B. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) King, Lancaster R4, and Fannie B., daughter of Samuel L. and Fannie (Blank) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, by Bishop David K. Blank.

**Fisher, Stoltzfoos** — Gideon A., son of David E. and Fannie L (Smucker) Fisher, Paradise R1, and Sadie R., daughter of John L. and Elizabeth L. (Riehl) Stoltzfoos, Bird-in-Hand R1, by Bishop David L. Riehl.

**Esh, Fisher** — Samuel S., son of Ephraim S. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Leola R1, and Elizabeth S., dau. of Samuel E. and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Gordonville R1, by Bishop Aaron Esh.

**Stoltzfus, Miller** — Elam B., son of Andrew K. and Katie E. (Beiler) Stoltzfus, Oxford R1, and Naomi K., daughter of Christ S. and Sarah E. (King) Miller, Paradise R1, by Bishop Amos F. Beiler.

**Stoltzfus, Fisher** — John D., son of Gideon B. and Mary (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, and Sadie A., daughter of Jonathan B. and Mary (Esh) Fisher, Coatesville R2, by Bishop John M. Beiler.

**King, Fisher** — Christ F., son of Barbara (Fisher) and the late John B. King, Christiana R1, and Sylvia E., daughter of Aaron K. and Sadie S. (Esh) Fisher, Strasburg R1, by Bishop Joel K. Zook.

## November 14

**Stoltzfus, Lapp** — David E., son of Emma S. (Esh) (Stoltzfus) Fisher and the late John F. Stoltzfus, Gordonville R1, and Sara Ann, daughter of Amos M. and Lydia (Petersheim) Lapp, Kinzers R1, by Bishop David K. Blank.

**Beiler King** — Joras R., son of Jacob E. and Annie (Riehl) Beiler, New Holland R2, and Rebecca A., daughter of Abram S. and Esther B. (Fisher) King, Gordonville R1, by Bishop John L. Stoltzfus.

**Yoder, Stoltzfus** — Samuel S., son of Alvin F. and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Yoder, Mifflinburg, and Lena S., daughter of Ben M. and Mary S. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1, by Bishop Levi R. Troyer.

**King, Zook** — Samuel E., son of Amos K. and Rachel E. (Fisher) King, Hessdale, and Mary E., daughter of Samuel K. and Annie B. (Stoltzfus) Zook, Paradise R1, by Bishop Joel K. Zook.

**Beiler, Lapp** — John S., son of Aaron Y. and Lena S. (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Bird-in-Hand R1, and Lizzie E., daughter of Emanuel S. and Katie S. (Esh) Lapp, New Holland R1, by Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler.

**Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus** — Samuel B., son of B. John and Lydia (Petersheim) Stoltzfus, Gap R1, and Ruth Mary, daughter of Stephen S. and Mary R. (Glick) Stoltzfus, Gap R1, by Gideon M. Stoltzfus.

**Herschberger, Lapp** — Christ B., son of Jacob and Mary (Beiler) Herschberger, Kirkwood R1, and Annie B., daughter of Jacob and Katie KBeiler) Lapp, 706 Strasburg Pike, Lancaster, By Bishop David L. Riehl.

**Zook, Lapp** — David G., son of Elam S. and Katie S. (Glick) Zook, Leola R1, and Sarah K., daughter of Jonas S. and Katie (King) Lapp, Ronks R1, by Bishop Joshua P. Renno.

**King, Lapp** — Christian B., son of Isaac B. and Savilla (Beiler) King, Christiana R1, and Rebecca S., daughter of Elam and Rachel (Stoltzfus) Lapp, of Christiana R1, by Bishop Samuel S. Kauffman.

**Esh, Lapp** — Moses H., son of Amos G. and Katie B. (Huyard) Esh, Gordonville R1, and Elizabeth S., daughter of Isaac F. and Salome (Stoltzfus) Lapp, Ronks R1, by Bishop Christian M. Fisher.

## November 16

**Allgyer, Stoltzfus** — David J., son of John M. and Elizabeth B. (Stoltzfus) Allgyer, Lancaster R5, and Mamie K., daughter of Daniel L.. and Lydia (King) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1, By Bishop David K. Blank.

**Lapp, King** — Sylvan B., son of John J. and Barbara S. (Beiler) Lapp, New Holland R1, and Lydia L., daughter of Emanuel F. and Rebecca K.(Lapp) King, Gordonville R1, by Bishop Jonathan F. King.

**Beiler, Beiler** — Marcus B., son of Jacob K. and Katie (Beiler) Beiler, Holtwood R2, and Sara E., daughter of Levi and Rachel (Esh) Beiler, Kirkwood R1, by Bishop David L. Riehl.

**Glick, King** — Jacob R., son of David W. and Sarah S. (Stoltzfus) Glick, 128 Geist Rd., Lancaster, and Barbara L., daughter of Katie (Lapp) and the late Christ S. King, Paradise R1, by Levi E. Stoltzfus.

**Smucker, Stoltzfus** — Amos K., son of Daniel E. and Barbara (King) Smucker, Strasburg R1, and Barbara S., daughter of Jonas L. and Annie S. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, by Bishop Joel K. Zook.

**Stoltzfus, Fisher** — Amos J., son of Daniel and Mary (Lapp) Stoltzfus, Nine Points, and Sadie K., daughter of Gideon L. and the late Mary E. (King) Fisher, Ronks R1, by Bishop Sylvan F. Stoltzfus.

**Glick, Glick** — Benjamin B., son of David I. and Jemima (Beiler) Glick, Smoketown R1, and Susie K., daughter of Abner R. and the late Fannie S. (King) Glick, Gap R1, by Bishop Samuel F. Stoltzfus.

## November 21

**Fisher, Esh** — Isaac B., Quarryville R3, son of Stephen B. and Edith (Byler) Fisher, Adams Co., Pa., and Anna Mary, daughter of Amos S. and Katie K. (King) Esh, Quarryville R3, by Bishop John S. Glick.

**Lapp, King** — Henry S., son of Samuel S. and Lizzie S. (Stoltzfus) Lapp, Ronks R1, and Barbara L., daughter of Rebecca (Lapp) and the late Isaac F. King, Ronks R1, by Bishop Isaac H. Zook.

**Stoltzfus, King** — John S., son of Jonas L. and Annie S (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, and Lydia L., daughter of David B. and the late Mary E. (Lapp) King, Paradise R1, by Emanuel K. Peache,

## LAMC CO. MARRIAGES, Continued

November 21, Continued

Glick, Beiler - Abner K., son of Abner R. and the late Fannie S. (King) Glick, Gap R1, and Elizabeth S., daughter of Elmer S. and Barbara (Smoker) Beiler, New Holland R2, by Bishop John F. Glick.

Lapp, Beiler - John J. Jr., son of John J. and Barbara S. (Beiler) Lapp, New Holland R2, and Sally F., daughter of Benjamin F. and Annie B. (Fisher) Beiler, Paradise R1, by Bishop John L. Stoltzfus.

November 23

Beiler, Speicher - Henry M., son of Jacob E. and Mary (Miller) Beiler, Ronks R1, and Emma Mae, dau. of Jacob E. and Katie S. (Glick) Speicher, Witmer, by Bishop Jonathan F. King.

Allgyer, Smucker - Amos B., son of Amos G. and Leah (Blank) Allgyer, Kinzers R1, and Lydia Ruth, daughter of Reuben G. and Mary (Petersheim) Smucker, New Holland R2, by Bishop John F. Glick.

Fisher, Stoltzfus - Reuben S., son of Aaron K. and Ruth (Smoker) Fisher, Strasburg R1, and Barbara F., daughter of Levi B. and Sarah (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3, by Bishop Amos S. Lapp.

Smucker, Stoltzfus - Jonas K., son of Daniel E. and Barbara (King) Smucker, Strasburg R1, and Mary F., daughter of Jonas K. and Fannie K. (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, by Sylvan F. Stoltzfus.

Esh, Esh - Benjamin B., son of Eli B. and Fannie (Blank) Esh, Christiana R1, and Barbara, daughter of Enos and Emma (Stoltzfus) Esh, Gordonville R1, by Bishop Aaron Esh.

Stoltzfos, Fisher - Benuel K., son of Benuel K. and Lydia (King) Stoltzfos, Gordonville R1, and Mary K., daughter of John L. and Rebecca S. (King) Fisher, Honey Brook R2, by Bishop Elam P. Kauffman.

King, Lantz - Christian K., son of John E. and Emma B. (King) King, Paradise R1, and Elizabeth Ann, daughter of Benjamin S. and Mary E. (Kauffman) Lantz, Paradise R1, by Bishop Amos F. Beiler.

November 28

Brenneman, King - Mark F., son of Amelia (Yoder) and the late Floyd Brenneman, Springs Star Rt., Pa., and Elizabeth L., daughter of Joel B. and Annie B. (Lapp) King, Ronks R1, by Bishop Sylvan F. Stoltzfus.

Fisher, Stoltzfus - Amos S., son of Samuel U. and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Elverson R1, and Lydia S., daughter of Daniel F. and Leah S. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, by Bishop Tobias J. Petersheim.

Stoltzfus, Fisher - Jacob Z., son of Paul A. and Annie B. (Zook) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, and Rebecca S., dau. of David E. and Annie L. (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Ronks R1, by Bishop Christian M. Fisher.

Lapp, Fisher - John K., son of Samuel S. and Sarah S. (Kauffman) Lapp, Christiana R1, and Fannie K., daughter of John E. and Rachel (Kauffman) Fisher, Quarryville R3, by Bishop Samuel S. Kauffman.

Smucker, Stoltzfus - Moses B., son of Annie L. (Beiler) (Smucker) Glick and the late Daniel Smucker, Churchtown, and Susie, daughter of Amos F. and Elizabeth (Lapp) Stoltzfus, New Holland R1, by Bishop Levi E. Stoltzfus.

November 30

Stoltzfus, Swarey - Benjamin Z., son of Tobias and Mary (Zook) Stoltzfus, Kinzers R1, and Salina K., daughter of Jacob and Barbara (King) Swarey, Ronks R1, by Bishop John M. Beiler.

Beiler, Esh - John L., son of David L. and Bena S. (Lapp) Beiler, New Holland R1, and Mary, daughter of Samuel S. and Naomi (Smucker) Esh, Gordonville R1, by Bishop Daniel E. Stoltzfus.

Fisher, Fisher - Melvin L., son of Phares N. and Rebecca K. (Lapp) Fisher, Ronks R1, and Miriam S., daughter of Henry U. and Mattie S. (Stoltzfus) Fisher, Strasburg R1, by Bishop Christian M. Fisher.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - Benuel K., son of John L. and Rachel (King) Stoltzfus, Leola R1, and Sadie Z., daughter of Paul A. and Annie (Zook) Stoltzfus, Bird-in-Hand R1, by Bishop John L. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Petersheim - Daniel L., son of Leroy and Malinda (Esh) Stoltzfus, Quarryville R3, and Susie K., daughter of Isaac S. and Mary B. (King) Petersheim, Christiana R1, by Bishop Israel Beiler.

Miller, Stoltzfus - Levi R., son of Amos and Fannie (Renno) Miller, Leola R1, and Malinda S., daughter of Emanuel F. and Sarah (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1, by Bishop Samuel J. Stoltzfus.

December 5

Blank, Kauffman - Jacob S., son of David K. and Malinda (Stoltzfus) Blank, Lancaster R5, and Lizzie E., daughter of Samuel S. and Sarah K. (Esh) Kauffman, Christiana R1, by Bishop David K. Blank.

Fisher, Zook - John, son of Jonas K. and Lydia (Lapp) Fisher, Kirkwood R1, and Mattie L., daughter of Jonas K. and Fannie B. (Lapp) Zook, Kirkwood. Smoker, Zook - Jacob Z., son of Stephen and the late Barbara (Stoltzfus) Smoker, Kirkwood R1, and Sarah L., daughter of Jonas K. and Fannie B. (Lapp) Zook, Kirkwood R1, by Bishop David L. Riehl.

Stoltzfus, Huyard - Jacob K., son of Jacob M. and Lydia (Kauffman) Stoltzfus, Millheim, and Sarah F., daughter of Amos F. and Lavina (Fisher) Huyard, New Holland R1, by Bishop Jacob M. Stoltzfus.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - Levi S., son of Ben M. and Mary S. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Honey Brook R1, and Lydia Ann, daughter of Paul B. and Anna (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Elverson R2, by Bishop John N. Mast.

December 7

Fisher, Beiler - Joseph E., son of Joseph S. and Mattie F. (Esh) Fisher, Ronks R1, and Lizzie R., daughter of John M. and Savilla F. (Blank) Beiler. Beiler, Beiler - Daniel S., son of Benjamin S. and Naomi (Stoltzfus) Beiler, Quarryville R3, and Lillian B., daughter of John M. and Savilla (Blank) Beiler, Kinzers R1, by Bishop Amos F. Beiler.

Fisher, King - Amos M. Jr., son of Rebecca (Esh) and the late Amos M. Fisher, Ronks R1, and Lydia Ann, daughter of Tobias S. and Miriam (Beiler) King, Kinzers R1, by Bishop Christian M. Fisher.

Lapp, Beiler - Levi S., son of Isaac Z. and Sadie R. (Stoltzfus) Lapp, Gordonville R1, and Susie Ann, daughter of Samuel H. and Lydia G. (King) Beiler, Bird-in-Hand R1, by Bishop John M. Beiler.

King Zook - Henry S., son of Daniel and Sarah (Stoltzfus) King, Quarryville R3, and Mima B., dau. of John S. and Malinda K. (Beiler) Zook, Kinzers R1, by Bishop Jonas S. Lapp.

Ebersol, Beiler - Abram, son of Dav'd Z. and Leah K. (Beiler) Ebersol, Leola R1, and Mary B., daughter of Christian S. and Fannie (Beiler) Beiler, Paradise R1, by Bishop Jonathan F. King.

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - Stephen K., son of Christian L. and Mary C. (King) Stoltzfus, Narvon R2, and Anna, daughter of Samuel M. and Rebecca (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Narvon R1, by Bishop Aaron Y. Beiler.

December 12

Stoltzfus, Stoltzfus - Israel F., son of John K. and Rachel (Fisher) Stoltzfus, Christiana R1, and Elizabeth S., daughter of Jacob L. and Emma K. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1, by Bishop Christian M. Fisher.

December 14

Stoltzfus, King - Elam S., son of Henry L. and Fannie L. (Stoltzfus) Stoltzfus, Kirkwood R1, and Katie H., daughter of Ammon K. and Sarah F. (Huyard) King, Christiana R1, by Bishop Joel K. Zook.

December 28

Fisher, Fisher - Amos B., son of Samuel L. and Mary (Beiler) Fisher, Gordonville R1, and Rebecca B., daughter of Samuel M. and Rebecca B. (King) Fisher, Ronks R1, by Bishop Sylvan F. Stoltzfus.

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#### BEAUTIES AND BENEFITS OF SNOW.

"Oh, dear!" said little Darwin to his mother, "how black and heavy the clouds do look! I fear it is going to rain, and then I shall have to stay in the house all day."

Boys do not like to stay in the house; they much prefer to play in the open air. It was not strange, therefore, that Darwin said this in a peevish tone of voice.

His mother was a kind and gentle lady, and she loved her little son very much. So she tried every day, to impart some useful knowledge to his mind, or tell him some amusing story to make him cheerful and happy.

Soon after Darwin had said this, he went to his drawer, to get out his tops, balls, and marbles, to play in the house. All at once, he shouted out, "O mother, see! It snows! IT SNOWS! Now, I can have a fine time with my new sled. I will draw my little sister all around the yard."

"That will be very fine sport, indeed," said his mother; "but you must wait till the ground is all covered with snow, before you go out with your sled to play."

"Come to the window, and see how gently the flakes fall! Faster and faster yet they come! Now, would you not like to have a talk about the snow? I think I could tell you something about it, which would interest you very much."

"Oh, yes, mother!" said Darwin; "do tell us all about the snow. That will be so pleasant, now, while it is snowing."

"Well, then," said his mother, "let me tell you that snow is nothing but frozen rain. When the upper air is quite cold, then the rain or mist which is up there, turns into snow as it descends to the ground. For, sometimes the upper air is much colder than that down on the surface of the earth."

"Oh, yes!" said Darwin; "I have often noticed that when it begins to snow, the air is not as cold as cold as it was just before; and I never knew how to account for its snowing at such times."

"Now I will tell you something still more wonderful about the snow," said his mother. "When the mist and rain-drops freeze, they display a great variety of the most beautiful forms. If you look at them through a microscope, they appear to be regular crystals. A man who had examined a vast number of them, has drawn ninety-six different varieties.

"In the picture, you can see a number of the most curious and beautiful forms. They remind you of the figures you saw, the other day in the kaleidoscope."

"Oh, they are really wonderful!" said Darwin. "Why, I never thought that the snow contained such beautiful figures! I shall never handle it again without thinking of its beauty. I am almost afraid to walk upon it, for fear of crushing these beautiful crystals. But, mother, what good does the snow do?"

"I am glad to hear you ask that question," said his mother; "for it shows you are anxious to know more about it. The snow is not only very beautiful, but it is, also, very useful. The snow falls in large quantities on the mountains, and when it melts, it flows down in little streams to water the valleys.

"The snow, also, serves to cool the air in summer. In some countries the snow remains all summer on the tops of the highest mountains, and the breezes which pass over them, become cool, and temper the burning heat of the plains below."

"Well, I heard a farmer say that there had not been snow enough, this winter, upon the fields of grain, to cause a good crop next summer. What did he mean by that, mother?" asked Darwin.

"The farmer knows that a good coat of snow, spread over the grain-fields in winter, protects the roots and tender leaves of the grain from the action of the severe frosts. And thus, you will sometimes hear the farmer say, his 'crops are winter-killed.'

"That reminds me," said Darwin, "of what I was reading, the other day, in the 55th chapter of Isaiah, where it said, 'For, as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth; it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.'

"When I read these verses, I wondered what the snow had to do with producing seed and bread. But you have made them very plain; and I now understand some of the benefits of snow."

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### THE UNBARRED DOOR

When on Columbia's eastern plains  
Still roamed her forest child,  
And new homes of Europe's sons  
Were rising in the wild.  
Upon a clearing in the woods  
Amos had built his cot,  
And tilled his little farm and lived  
Contented with his lot.  
A just, peace-loving man was he  
Kind unto all, and true;  
And well his ever open door  
The wandering Indian knew.  
But often were the settler's lands  
By force or fraud obtained,  
And to the red man dispossessed,  
Revenge alone remained.  
And round the blazing fire of logs  
When winter nights were cold,  
To shuddering listeners, dreadful tales  
Of Indian raids were told.  
But Amos feared not, though his home  
All undefended lay;  
And still the never bolted door  
Was open night and day.  
One morn a neighbor passed in haste,  
"Indians, they say, are nigh;  
So Amos, bar your door tonight,  
And keep your powder dry."  
"Nay, friend," he said, "the God I serve  
Commands me not to kill;  
And sooner would I yield my life  
Than disobey His will.  
One gun I have, but used alone  
Against the wolf or bear;  
To point it at my fellow man,  
My hand would never dare.

But I will put the thing away—  
They shall not see it here,  
For the old gun in hands unskilled  
Might do some harm, I fear.  
Besides, the Indians are my friends,  
They will do me no ill;  
Here they have found an open door  
And they shall find it still."  
"Well," said the neighbor as he went,  
"My faith is not so clear;  
If wretches come to take my life,  
I mean to sell it dear."  
But the good wife of Amos stood,  
And listened with a fright;  
"Unless," she said, "the door is fast  
I shall not sleep tonight."  
And with her words, as women can,  
She urged her husband sore,  
Till for the sake of household peace,  
At last he barred the door.  
They went to rest and soon the wife  
Was wrapped in slumber deep;  
But Amos turned and tossed about,  
And vainly tried to sleep.  
Then came a voice within his heart,  
A mild rebuke it bore;  
It whispered, "Thou of little faith,  
Why hast thou barred thy door?  
Weak is that poor defenceless thing  
Against a hostile band;  
Stronger than strongest fortresses  
The shadow of my hand.  
Hast thou not said these many times,  
That I have power to save,  
As when my servant's trembling feet  
Were sinking in the wave?  
Now let thy actions with thy words  
In full accord agree—

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Rise quickly and unbolt thy door  
And trust alone in me."  
Then Amos from his bed arose,  
And softly trod the floor,  
Crept down the stairs noiselessly,  
Unbarred the cottage door.  
Then forth he looked into the night—  
Starlight it was and still,  
And slowly rose the waning moon  
Behind the tree-fringed hill.  
He looked with trustful, reverent gaze,  
Up to the starry sky,  
As meets a child with loving glance,  
A tender father's eye.  
The cloud was lifted from his mind,  
His doubts were over now,  
The cool air breathed a kiss of peace  
Upon his tranquil brow.  
Then back to his forsaken bed  
He softly groped his way,  
And slept the slumber of the just  
Until the dawn of day.  
That night a painted warrior band  
Through the dark forest sped  
With steps as light upon the leaves  
As a panther's stealthy tread.  
They reached the farm—"We make no war  
With good and faithful men,"  
The foremost Indian turned and said,  
"Here dwells the son of Penn."  
"Brother, if still his heart is right,  
How shall we surely know?"  
Answered another, "Time brings change,  
And oft turns friend to foe."  
Then said the first one: "'I will go  
And gently try the door;  
If open still it proves his heart  
Is as it was before."  
It yielded and they entered in,  
Across the room they stepped;  
And came where Amos and his wife  
Calm and unconscious slept.  
With tomahawk and scalping knife,  
They stood beside the pair;  
A solemn stillness filled the room—  
An angel guard was there.  
Then eye sought eye, and seemed to say,  
How sound the good man sleeps,  
So may they rest and fear no ill,  
Whom the Great Spirit keeps.  
Then noiselessly they left the house  
And closed the door behind,  
And on their deadly war trail passed  
Some other prey to find,  
And horror shrieked around their steps,  
And bloodshed marked their way,  
And many homes were desolate  
When rose another day.  
But Amos with a thankful heart,  
Greeted the morning light;  
And knew not until after years,  
How near was death that night.

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